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IT'S OFF TO CHINA

— with games in Korea and Japan on the way

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Australian Soccer Federation has abandoned plans for a Middle East tour by the Socceroos and will send them to China instead.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is helping to arrange the tour.

ASF secretary Mr Brian le Fevre said this week: "Foreign Affairs also wants us to visit Japan, and it will try to get us matches quickly in South Korea."

The ASF had hoped also to arrange a game in the Philippines but according to Mr le Fevre, the Philippines recently dismantled its national team and is concentrating exclusively on youth.

The Socceroos' tour, which will start in early November, will take four weeks.

Japan probably will be the first stop and Mr le Fevre will try to finalise two matches for the Socceroos there when he visits Japan next month for the finals of the Coca-Cola world youth championships.

The Socceroos will then fly to Peking and play four matches in China before moving on to South Korea for two games.

The last game probably will be in Hong Kong.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will return from a six-week refresher coaching course in West Germany about a month before the tour starts. He leaves for Germany on August 14.

The Australia v New Zealand match was to have taken place in Canberra this month but Gutendorf called it off after the Socceroos lost to New Zealand 0-1 in Auckland.

Fausto Tarquinio of Victorian State League club Juventus, Mark Brusasco of Brisbane City and Sebastian Giampolo of Inter Monaro were surprise replacements for unavailable players in national team trial matches in Newcastle yesterday (Tuesday).

They replaced Peter Sharne (Marconi) who was injured, Joe Watson (Sydney City) who could not get time off from work and Brian Northcote (Adelaide City) who was also injured.

Yesterday's trial programme featured a game between Australia A and Australia B and a game between a "Young Socceroos" team and Newcastle KB United.

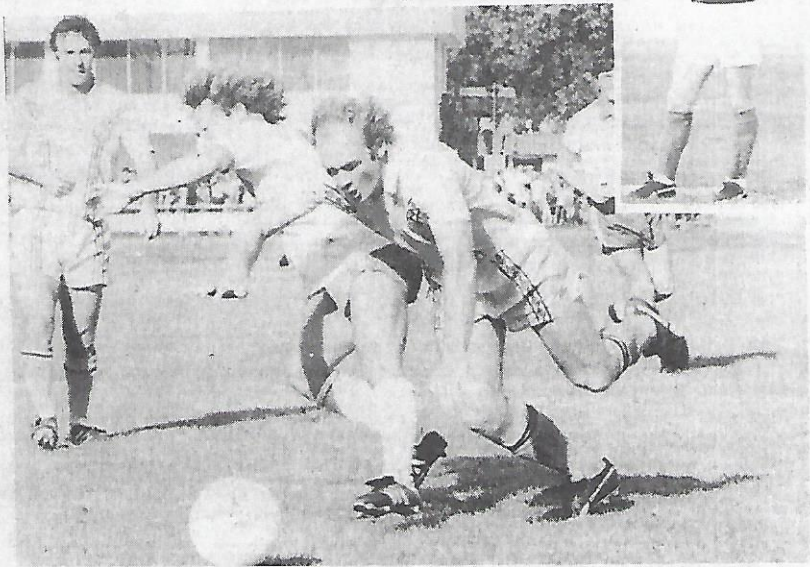
Gutendorf included Brisbane City midfielder-forward Roberto Echeverria. He said he wanted to try Echeverria as a libero.

The Socceroo selections were:

AUSTRALIA A: Martyr Cook (W. Ad.), Steve Perry (Bris. C.), Roberto Echeverria (Bris. C.), Stuart Baxter (Sth Melb.), Jim Tansey (H'begl), Brian Northcote (replaced by Fausto Tarquinio of Juventus), John O'Shea (St. George), Peter Stone (APIA), John Coyne (Bris. C.), Joe Watson (replaced by Mark Brusasco of Bris. C.), John Nyakohus (Ad. C.), Ken Boden (Newc.), Gary Cole (H'begl), Tom Cumming (Ess. Croatia).

AUSTRALIA B: Yakkia Banovic (Ess. Croatia), John Yzendoorn (H'berg), Col Bennett (St. George), Vic Bosnic (W. Ad.), Ian Souness (Syd. C.), Peter Boyle (W. Ad.), Agenor Muniz (Ad. C.), Tony Henderson (Marc), John Stevenson (Syd. C.), Murray Barnes (Syd. C.), Peter Sharne (replaced by Sebastian Giampolo of Inter Monaro), John Davies (Can), John Kosmina (W. Ad.), Phil O'Connor (St. G.).

YOUNG SOCCEROOS: Greg Woodhouse (APIA), Danny Moulis (Can), George Christopoulos (S. Melb.), Ian Rowden (APIA), Mike Milovanovic (Can), Alan Davidson (S. Melb.), Theo Selemidis (H'berg), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Peter Raskopoulos (Syd. Oly.), Paul Kay (St. G.), Steve Hogg (Can), Ian Hunter (Nepean), Eddie Knevie (Marc), Mark Jankovic (Marc), Duncan Cummings (S. Melb.), Graham



Footscray J.U.S.T. strengthened its defence at the weekend by buying Jim O'Reilly from Heidelberg United for \$5000, and Footscray promptly beat Sydney City 1-0. STEVE CHATZIS' pictures show O'Reilly in action for Heidelberg (above) and in the colors of Footscray (inset).

Top players will get trip to FA Cup final

The 1979 Australian Player of the Year will win a return ticket to London to see the English FA Cup final next year.

The prize will be provided by Mr. A. Papazoglou of Melbourne's Goldair Travel.

Mr. Papazoglou will present the prize at the Player of the Year dinner at the Oberoi Hotel in Adelaide on Thursday, November 1.

The Player of the Year, best under 21 player, Coach of the Year, Referee of the Year and Team of the Year will be determined according to votes cast by members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

Past Players of the Year have been Jimmy Rooney (1977), then of Marconi, and Ken Boden (1978), of Newcastle KB United.

Best under 21 players have been John Kosmina (1977) of West Adelaide and Ian Souness (1978) of Sydney City.

Coaches of the Year: 1977: Rale Rasic (Marconi); 1978: Gerry Chaldi (Sydney City).

Referee of the Year: 1978: Peter Ramplay (NSW).

Bye-bye Boden?

Ken Boden (above), the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines 1978 Player of the Year, may quit Newcastle KB United at the end of the season.

Boden also was voted the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) Player of the Year and was joint top scorer in the Philip League.

Boden's contract with KB United expires at the end of the season and he has told the club he will not sign a new contract under the present financial terms.

Newcastle coach Alan Vest said: "To be honest, at this stage there is no way we could meet Boden's demands."

"My committee has given me a budget to work with next season and it does not allow me to give Boden what he wants."

Other Newcastle players whose contracts expire this year are expected also to seek higher wages for next season.

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Frank Micic

Micic 'too harsh'

Hakoah St.Kilda has sacked coach Frank Micic, the former Footscray JUST star, because he was too harsh on the players.

To that accusation, Micic answered: "Why treat the players nicely if they are playing badly? If anything I was too soft for persevering with certain players who gave me nothing week after week."

Micic was sacked last Thursday and replaced by reserve coach Bill Allison, who has been appointed for the remainder of the season.

The Hakoah committee, led by chairman Dennis Krongold, had been unhappy with Micic's attitude towards the players for some time.

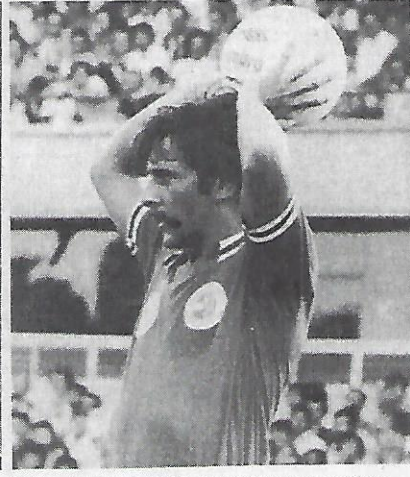
"I made personal efforts to mellow Frank's attitude," said Krongold. "He said we had a hopeless team, and this generated an unhealthy environment for the players."

"It would be almost impossible for us to get 11 players who had the qualities Frank thought were necessary to make a top team. We need someone to encourage and work with the players we have."

Again Micic is adamant he acted fairly with the players.

"I can tell them they're terrific, but it will not make them better players," he said. "I encourage the players but that doesn't cover up that only three carried the team in most games." — KYLE PATTERSON.

O'Shea the new Warren?



The old and the new: Centre picture shows John O'Shea (right) alongside South Melbourne's Steve Walker in a 1976 match. O'Shea was establishing himself in the St. George first team. The outside pictures show O'Shea in modern day action, not just a regular, but a star.

New home for APIA?

APIA may seek aid from the NSW State or Federal Government to help finance a million dollar development of Lambert Park, in Leichhardt.

The Philips League club wants to return to its birthplace - Leichhardt - but a present facilities in the area aren't up to standard for the national competition. APIA played at Lambert Park in the NSW State League and now wants to build three covered grandstands to accommodate 6,000 people and modernise existing facilities.

A feasibility study has been completed and preliminary negotiations with the Leichhardt council are underway.

APIA hopes to have the first stage of the proposed development finished by the start of the 1980 PSL season.

At present, APIA's home ground is Wentworth Park.

APIA believes it can get better support at Lambert Park.

If all goes to plan, APIA will play home games at Lambert Park in 1980.

In its last away game, St George played against title contender Sydney City at Wentworth Park. It was a game most regarded as easy pickings for the City and it presented the possibility of a bonus point. In their previous clash City had won 5:0 to notch its first bonus point.

However, times have changed, and with them the coach of St George. In this game the new coach, Raul Blanco, decided to play his most valuable midfielder and Australian representative, John O'Shea, to mark the most dangerous of the City men Murray Barnes, also a Soccer.

Barnes tried hard in the first 45 minutes but the shadow of the oldest of the O'Shea brothers eventually blotted out the Sydney City star.

Proving his theory that you don't have to play dirty to be tough in a soccer game, John O'Shea tackled hard and won most of his duels against a formidable foe to give his side an unexpected edge in the first half.

In fact, Barnes was so infuriated with his own inability to get on top of the Saints midfielder that he lashed out in a late tackle on O'Shea, some 10 minutes before half time.

O'Shea fell to the ground and looked in considerable pain. His players gathered around him to await the outcome of "sponge and spray" treatment by the Saints trainer.

But not for long. Johnny was on his feet in no time and for all those who might have missed the scene, I'd like to stress this point: Without the usual "pose," or as most of us know it, "the famous hobble of the injured star," John made a few slow steps before breaking into a run.

For most players a heavy knock like the one experienced by O'Shea would have meant injury or at least considerable pain. But not for a player who enjoys the game so much that time on the ground is time wasted.

"I dislike dirty players and dirty play," said Johnny after the game. He insisted that the match against Sydney City was particularly clean and that he enjoys playing against the slickers. As for the heavy knock: "It was just one of those things. I am sure that Murray did not mean to harm me. He felt that he could reach the ball and missed. I happen to be in the way and that's it," quipped John.

On the 24th of this month, O'Shea will celebrate his 22nd birthday. Since the age of 17, Johnny has been a regular first grader and is one of the strongest contenders for the midfield duties in the national team.

How did it all start for the new Soccerero? From Carrs Park juniors in the St George

O'Shea moved to St George on the advice of Ross Warren, brother of the then famous St George player and Australian captain, John Warren.

From the under 15 side of St George he became the youngest player in the Saints jersey to play for its third grade side.

"Mark Jankovics was one of the boys who played alongside me during that year," John remembered.

Success followed Mark Jankovics and John O'Shea into the second grade the following year, when another O'Shea, brother Robert, entered the ranks of the Saints young hopefuls.

At the age of 17, alongside Atti Abonyi, Willie Hamilton, George Harris, Peter Fuzes, and other great St George players, he had his first game in the first grade. Despite a 2-3 loss he received encouragement from the coach and the rest of the first graders.

His initiation was successful.

Mike Johnson, the St George coach, had the young lad with his first grade squad at every opportunity, developing the potential of the new player.

It was a tremendous confidence booster and a move that O'Shea will never forget. "It was important for me to play alongside the best. Mike Johnson felt that despite the fact that I was a second grader I needed as much experience as possible with the top team and he gave me every opportunity," John said.

Johnny Warren, certainly the best Australian player I've seen, did the same when he took the reins at St George.

"Despite the fact that I wasn't even a reserve player, he let me listen to some of the famous 'half time chats,' which certainly helped boost my morale and promote my enthusiasm."

Vic Fernandez, the man Johnny calls "a soccer gentleman" was another player who helped with advice and encouragement, as Manfred Schaefer became the coach who would put O'Shea on the road to first grade stardom.

Three games in succession in the first grade, then one in the reserves and from then on always a first grader!

I have known many St George sides, even the most famous of them all, with Abonyi, Warren, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Harris, Williams... coach Rasic... All of them had something in common: de-

By ALEX VESIC

dedication to the club and the jersey which they wore.

It is with this kind of dedication and love that a new Saint was born some seven years ago. One of our best known T.V. personalities, ABC news reader and sports commentator Martin Royal, said during a recent match between NSW and Wisla Krakow at the Sports Ground "He runs like Warren and almost plays like Warren."

Praise indeed! Is there a similarity between the great Johnny Warren and the Saints schemer?

O'Shea showed his usual modesty in answering the question.

"I'd like to think that I have the same dedication that Johnny Warren had,

but I only wish I could attain the standard of play and skills he had."

For all those who watched the loss to Sydney City I'd like to recall a move that could have changed the pattern of the game in the second half.

It was in the 64th minute. Following a cross from the right, the ball was partly cleared by the City defence but fell just outside the box. With three City players in attendance, John O'Shea managed to jump high and steady the ball with a gentle header before lobbing two defenders to present Tom Mihajlovic with an ideal opportunity to score the equaliser. Tom muffed the opportunity and St George was beaten 3:1.

What would have happened had he scored?

STRIKE HITS PLANS FOR NEW COMPETITIONS

The Telecom and postal disputes have delayed the first meeting of soccer clubs hoping to enter the Northern NSW 1980 State League.

In Maitland Northern NSW Federation secretary John Sullivan said the original plan called for the country club executives to meet at Newcastle last week.

"The idea was to attend Saturday's Newcastle United-Adelaide City game and end with a round of talks on the Sunday but we will now fix a date in August," he said.

The new league is to embrace a number of country centres with Tamworth, Armidale, Tweed Heads, Lismore, Grafton and Coffs Harbour expected to join clubs from Newcastle and the Coalfields.

Mr. Sullivan entered a strong plea for Gosford to join the group rather than go to Sydney.

"I know that there will be extra travel involved,

but Gosford has an infinitely greater chance of becoming one of the soccer leaders if it comes with us.

"Gosford has a big feeder association, a growing population and the right facilities."

A strong Gosford club which combines the resources of Central Coast, Gosford Rangers and Doyalson and looks for community support will be a State League copy of Newcastle KB United - the success story of the Philips League," Mr. Sullivan said.

Infighting between the NSW and ACT federations over territorial boundaries is clouding the issue over the proposed South Eastern Soccer League.

ACT wants Canberra, Queanbeyan, Cooma, Goulburn and Nowra to join the league.

The ACT has accepted the position that Illawarra Premier League clubs prefer to give the new organisation a miss.

The NSW Soccer Federation is insisting that Goulburn enter its competition next season, which has ACT Federation President Dr. Rod Jory up in arms.

"The ACT Federation has controlled Queanbeyan and Cooma since 1959, but NSW has now taken Queanbeyan club Monaro, and is now looking at another club from the town as well."

"Monaro club even plays some of its games at the National Stadium, which is in our territory."

"The best solution is the South Eastern League. Next best is a competition to include Griffith, Narrandera, Cootamundra, Albury, Canberra, Cooma and Goulburn," he said.

Dr. Jory concedes that if the Australian Soccer Federation does not resolve the position at its meeting in Sydney on August 10, the only future for ACT clubs could be in New South Wales.

"Small intra-city or town club competitions are dead."

"The public is demanding something better and it must include the best talent from widespread areas," he said.

Hansen off

Danish international goalkeeper John Hansen of South Melbourne Hellas will return home soon.

Hansen played for Hellas last year but left for Europe after being displaced by Jack Reilly.

He came back early this year because Hellas refused to clear him.

Hansen replaced Reilly before Reilly joined Juventus, but then lost his place to Peter Laumet.

He is unhappy about sitting on the bench, so he wants to go back home again.

Meanwhile, Hellas centre back Stuart Baxter, who had earlier been reported to be returning to England at the end of the season, apparently has changed his mind because

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Rock bands, TV stars for \$10,000 series

Sydney fans will get a taste of soccer promotion U.S.-style during the Festival of Football at Seymour shaw Park.

Eight top teams will battle for \$10,000 prize money and a Challenge Cup with performances by rock bands and appearances by TV and radio personalities to add a bit of razzle-dazzle.

The Festival of Football is being promoted by the Sutherland Voice newspaper and the Westfield Miranda Company.

Sydney Croatia, Melita Eagles, Sutherland (Pepsi NSW State League) Sydney City, Canberra City, Brisbane City, St. George (Phillips League) and Wollongong

(NSW first division) will play off in a knock-out competition under lights starting Thursday July 26.

Games will be staged on four Thursdays, with the final scheduled for 8.30 pm, August 23.

Nyhus Holden will award \$100 to the man of the match in each game and as a prelude to the final, soccer players will be involved in a sprint competition worth \$1,100.

The winner will receive \$750, second place carries \$250 and third place \$100.

In between all this activity, personalities Donnie Sutherland, Judy Lynn, Malcolm T. Elliot, Jimmy Hannan, Mick Jones, Frank Hyde and Harry Wilde will make appearances.

The draw is;

Thursday July 26 - match 1 - Croatia v. Melita (7.30 pm), match 2 - Brisbane City v. Canberra City. (9.00 pm)

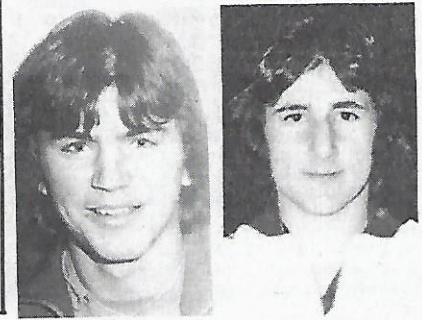
Thursday August 2 - match 3 - Sydney City v. St. George (7.30 pm) match 4 - Sutherland v. Wollongong (9.00 pm)

Thursday August 9 - semi finals - winner match 1 v. winner match 2 (7.30 pm) winner match 3 v. winner match 4. (9.00 pm)

Thursday August 23 - Footballers sprint (7.30) Grand Final (8.30 pm).

The winning team receives \$4,000, and the runner-up earns \$2,000. Losing semi finalists receive \$250.

Victoria school squad



●George Shinas

●Charlie Yankos

Coach Bobby McLachlan has named the Victorian schoolboys' squad which will compete in the national championships in Brisbane during the August-September school holidays.

Team manager is Jim Armstrong.

The players, their schools and clubs, are:

GOALKEEPERS

George Shinas (Sunshine Tech., St. Albans).

Paul McCann (Caulfield Tech., Sth Melb Hellas).

DEFENDERS

Charlie Yankos, capt. (Paisley High, Heidelberg Utd).

Steve Blair, vice-capt. (Sunshine High, Albion Rovers).

Joe Scartamaglia (University High, Juventus).

Rudi Schaeffner (St. Albans High, Keilor-Austria).

Tom Szteli (Greythorn High, Doncaster Rovers).

MIDFIELDERS

Socrates Nicolaides (Collingwood High, Sth Melb Hellas).

Oscar Crino (Clayton Tech., Juventus).

Michael Valentine (Mitcham High, Box Hill).

Pedro Ramos (Mitcham High, Box Hill).

Nif Christoudias (Footscray Tech., Sunshine City).

STRIKERS

Daryl Gooch (Karingal High, Slavia).

Vlatko Belic (Swinburne, Footscray J.U.S.T.).

Michael Pichner (Sunshine West High, Polonia).

Scott Patterson (Blackburn High, Box Hill).

Heidelberg from behind again, City the surprise

With Marconi holding a firm grip on first place, the spotlight shifts to the other aspirants for the top four, particularly Brisbane City and Heidelberg United which played against each other last Sunday.

Brisbane City has not received the credit it deserves for its fine performance so far this season. There is no doubt that City is the surprise team of 1979.

The club did not invest heavily, adding only Bobby Campbell and David Ratcliffe to its 1978 line-up, yet it has improved dramatically.

Spectators interstate may not have seen City at its best, but when they play at home, the City players often lift themselves to amazing heights.

Obviously the Perry-Potter-Ratcliffe-Wilkinson back four is the strong point of the Brisbane City team but the forwards are also very good.

Big Barry Kelso, for example, is an excellent footballer. Kevin Low is fast, tricky and deadly around the box and Campbell has added even more strength since arriving from overseas. Kevin Caldwell is another striker with much ability.

Coach Nereo Sautich, the quiet man of soccer, deserves to be congratulated for what he has done with the City team. He knows the exact value of each player and he encourages the type of football that suits their abilities.

The style is rugged, and non-compromising, with the ball travelling forcefully from line one to line three where big Kelso is exceptionally effective in the air, as well as on the ground.

He and the other strikers chase and challenge for 90 minutes and most of the time they succeed in forcing the opposition into at least one or two errors that result in goals.

When my team, Adelaide City, played in Brisbane, we were absolutely brilliant in the first half but Brisbane City underwent an amazing transformation after the interval and unfortunately we had to settle for second best, losing 1-2. It was Kelso and Campbell who caused us most problems.

Meanwhile, Heidelberg, as usual, is coming from behind with a late run.

In 1977 Heidelberg, then called Fitzroy, was thrashed 8-1 by Marconi yet the players lifted themselves and finished the season strongly.

Last year it was the same story, Heidelberg's early form was atrocious yet the team improved to finish fifth.

And it's happening again in 1979.

After some drastic changes, for good or for bad depending upon which way you look at it, Heidelberg is poised to achieve great success.

Heidelberg has spent a lot of money, but it is money well spent and if there are any clubs that still underestimate Heidelberg, they are making a big mistake.

Jimmy Rooney, a bargain buy, is the best on field leader in Australian soccer; Branko Buljevic is a real match-winner; Yakka Banovic, John Yzendoorn and Jamie Paton, the three star recruits, are all Victorian State players and have been tried out by national coach Rudi Gutendorf; Jim Tansey and Gary Cole are Soccerroos; Jim Campbell is one of the finest midfielders in the country and Pat Bannon is a tremendous captain of great strength and determination and with phenomenal personality.

one made up entirely of women. They call themselves the Pegasus Fillies and they're pictured at left.

Wentworth Park a disgrace

The pitch at Wentworth Park is probably the worst in the Phillips League. Even the best ball players find it hard to trap the ball properly there.

Does the Phillips League have a committee that inspects grounds regularly? I doubt it, otherwise Wentworth Park would be ruled unfit for play.



Brisbane City striker Barry Kelso has caused the down-fall of many PSL clubs this year. Kelso (right) is shown tangling with Sydney City's Steve O'Connor.

WE WERE WRONG

"Soccer Action" wrongly reported last week that Keilor Austria did not pay to play against visiting German club Paderborn.

In fact, Austria paid \$300 for the game, \$575 to accommodate players in a motel and \$360 towards a reception in St Kilda after the game.

"Soccer Action" erred also in the page one story entitled "It's coach No. 54." There have been 55 coaching appointments, not 54, since the league started. We failed to include in the list of coaches Archie Campbell who had charge of Mooroolbark before being replaced by Brian Edgley in 1977.

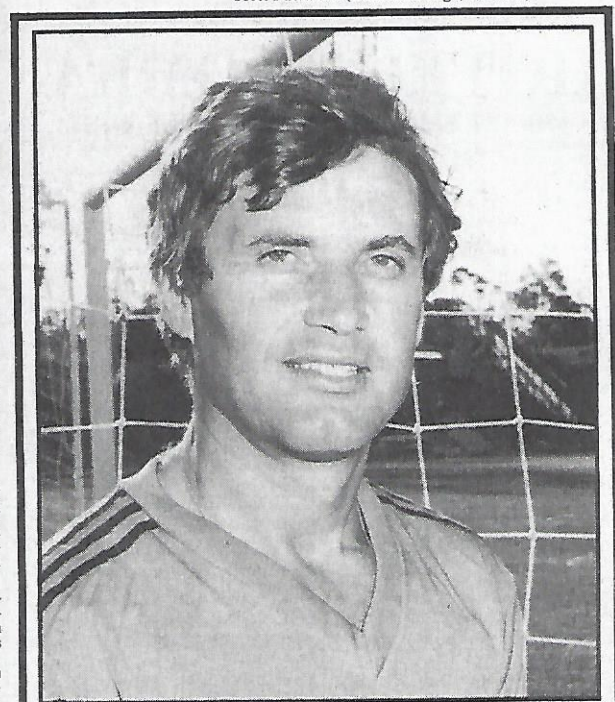
Women against the men



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* One match in hand. ** Two matches in hand.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team.

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(Syd. City)

PERRY (5)
(Bris. City)

DEMPSEY (4)
(APIA)

POTTER (4)
(Bris. City)

RUSSELL (1)
(Ad. City)

TREDINNICK (1)
(Newc. Utd)

PIMBLETT (3)
(Bris. City)

JOVANOVIĆ (3)
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

MARCONI 1 ST. GEORGE 1. Ratings by Mike Johnson:

MARCONI: Maher — Berry 6, (Brogan 6, 53rd), Prskalo 8, Russell 6, Degney 7 — Byrne 6, Henderson 6, Vieri 6 (Mariani 79th) — Jankovics 6, Krncevic 6, Sharpe 5.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7 — Harris 8, Utjesenovic 8, Grosse 8, R. O'Shea 8 — J. O'Shea 8, Gnani 8, Mihailovic 7, O'Connor 7, Hensman 7, Cotton 8.

FOOTSCRAY 1 SYDNEY CITY 0. Ratings by Laurie Schwab —

FOOTSCRAY — Potter 8 — Ristic 6, O'Reilly 7, Kondarios 8, Ilioski 7 — Picioane 7, Rujevic 5 (sent off 43rd.), Jovanovic 9 — Palinkas 8, Ollerton 9, Lujic 9.

SYDNEY CITY — Clarke 9 — Mullen 5, Kershaw 6, O'Connor 6 (injured, 35th., sub. Gomez 6), Bruce 6 — Stevenson 8, Souness 7, Campbell 7 — Watson 5 (sent off, 43rd), Barnes 8, Borges 4 (Patikas 63rd).

NEWCASTLE 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Preston 8, Willis 6, Curran 8, Summerscales 9, Drinkwater — 8, Senkalski 8, Bertogna 7, Tredinnick — 9, Heys 6, (McClelland 72nd) Keelon 6, Boden 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 9, Perin 8, Muir 7 (Marno 57th.), Nyskohus 7, Muniz 7, Northcote 8, Dean 8, Nyskohus 7, Kent 7, Dods 8.

WEST ADELAIDE 2 CANBERRA 0. Ratings by Memo Toutisidis.

WEST: Crook 9, Pantsaras 7, Honeyman 7, Jones 8, Tymczyszyn 8, Boyle 7, Dooley 7, McGregor 7, Kosmina 7, Norris 7, Zervas 6 (Fernandez).

CANBERRA: Hozzowski 7, Moulis 7, Milovanovic 7, Farrell 7, Kawaleva 6, Brown 7, Cant 7, Byrne 6, Davies 6 (Gruicic), MacLaren 6 (Fielding), Callaghan 7.

BRISBANE CITY 3 HEIDELBERG 1. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 7, Perry 9, Ratcliffe 8.

Potter 9, Wilkinson 9, Pimblett 9, Coyne 8, Low 8, Caldwell 8, Campbell 8, Kelson 7 (Brusasco 65th).

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Banovic 6, Vzendoorn 8, Provan 8, Bannon 7, Tansey 8, Rooney 8, Taylor 8, Campbell 6, Paton 6 (Micevski 58th), Cole 7, Buljevic 7.

SYDNEY/OLYMPIC 2 APIA 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

APIA: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, Dempsey 9, Wilson 7, Pullen 7, Rampanti 5, McGinn 6, Stone 8 (Carruthers 74'), Roberts 7, (O'Donnell 74'), Butler 6, Reed 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 9, McIntosh 7, Rowden 7, Bell 8, Wilson 8, Cross 7, Laing 7, Raskopoulos 8, Jennings 8, Eaton 5 (Scott 69'), Morris 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 BRISBANE LIONS 0. Ratings by Con Nicolopolos.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 5, Pye 6, Turner 6, Kalafatis 6, Baxter 7, Davidson (Wright 5, injured sub.), Lutton 8, Christopoulos 8, Cummings 4 (Carr 75th.), Evans 8, Campbell 8.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, Hermiston 6, Lawrie 6, Bennett 7, Lavelle 9, Wilson 5 (injured sub. Wallace 73rd.), Ogden 5, Brennan 5 (Russell 85th.), Fairbrother 5, Millman 5, Hughes 5.

Leading ratings:

7.9 Potter (BC).

7.8 Muir (AC), Prskalo (Marc), Crook (WA).

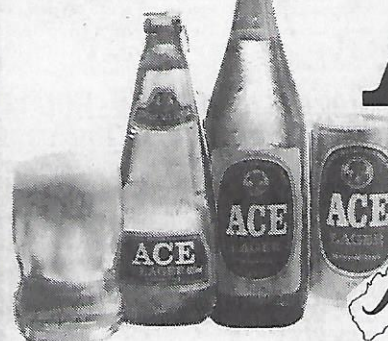
7.6 Woodhouse (APIA), Perry, Ratcliffe (BC), Buljevic (H'berg), Jankovics (Marc), Pye, Davidson (SM), S. O'Connor, Thomson (SC), Meier (SO).

7.5 Wilkinson (BC), Hermiston (BL), Kondarios (Foots), J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Summerscales (Newc), Henderson, Sharpe (Marc), Clarke (SC), Bell, Raskopoulos (SO).

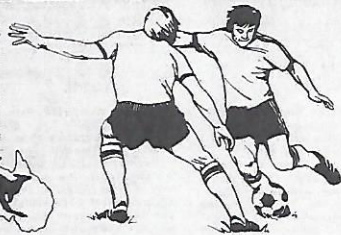
7.4 Brown, Stark, Davies (Can), Lujic (Foots), Curran, Drinkwater, Boden (Newc), G. Byrne (Marc), Watson (SC).

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6. Norris, Kosmina (WA), Barnes, Watson (SC), Cole (H'berg), Picioane (Foots), Kelso (BC).
5. Eaton (SO), Evans (SM), Reed (APIA), J. Nyskohus (AC).
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Hellas looks menacing and Heidelberg hopes

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Sydney City, whose position in the PSL top four is becoming more and more tenuous, may have to do without Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor and Eddie Thomson in the difficult match against South Melbourne Hellas at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

In Melbourne, Heidelberg United will try to make amends for its loss to Brisbane City last Sunday, by beating APIA-Leichhardt. At the same time, Heidelberg will hope that Marconi falters against Footscray J.U.S.T. Sydney City, which was challenging for the title only a few weeks ago, is now in danger of missing the top four series.

Hellas, given confidence by its 3-0 victory against Brisbane Lions, is playing well enough to start a winning streak, despite the likely absence of Alan Davidson who was injured last Sunday.

City's Joe Watson was sent off in the game against Footscray last Sunday and will have to serve a suspension. Steve O'Connor, City's star so far this season, was carried off with a knee injury, and Eddie Thomson could not play at all due to injury. On the credit side, Hilton Silva may be back after a confidence-boosting run in City's Federation team, but that's scant opposition.

George Campbell finally lived up to his reputation again in scoring two goals for Hellas against Lions. He and Alan Evans, supported by Bertie Lutton and George Christopoulos from midfield, and Mike Pye on the right, could inflict another defeat on City.

Previous results — 1977 — SM 1-0, 0-0; 1978 — SM 3-0, 0-0; 1979 — SC 2-1.

According to Bruce Waddell, our reporter in Brisbane, Heidelberg's performance against Brisbane City was not

as poor as the 3-1 scoreline suggests. In fact, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, Ken Taylor, Bob Provan and John Year down apparently played some excellent soccer.

It's been six weeks since APIA has recorded a victory but ominously, that victory was in Melbourne, against Hellas. However, I saw that game, and I must say that the most APIA deserved that day was a draw.

So APIA's return to Melbourne on Sunday does not mean that history will repeat itself. Ken Reed is APIA's only goalscorer, whereas Heidelberg can rely upon Gary Cole, Branko Buljevic, Jamie Paton, Jim Campbell and, lately, Ken Taylor, who has scored three weeks running.

Heidelberg must not only win, but must try to get a bonus point as often as possible if it is to return to the championship race.

The record of matches so far includes Heidelberg's games against Western Suburbs, as most of West's players are now with APIA.

Previous results — 1977 — H'berg 1-0, 2-2; 1978 — WS 3-0, H'berg 2-1; 1979 — APIA 1-0. Marconi's rhythm was upset last week by the tight marking of St. George, resulting in a 1-1 scoreline. Footscray's players aren't resolute enough to stick to their tasks for 90 minutes the way the Saints did, so a similar result at Marconi Oval on Sunday is unlikely, although J.U.S.T. has managed to upset Marconi in the past.

Previous results — 1977 — M

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals —

IN CANBERRA
Canberra City v. Brisbane City (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Saturday 2.45 pm

IN MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG UTD v. APIA-Leichhardt at Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Sydney City v. SOUTH MELBOURNE at Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI v. Footscray at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

Sydney Olympic v. NEWCASTLE KB UTD at Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v. St. George at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v. WEST ADELAIDE at Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

1-0, 4-3; 1978 — M 2-0, F 2-1; 1979 M 5-0.

Newcastle KB United, maintaining its steady advance on the top four, grabbed a valuable point from its scoreless draw with Adelaide City and looks capable of scoring both points against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday.

Previous results — 1978 — 1-1, 1-1; 1979 — N 3-0.

Canberra fell victim to West Adelaide in Adelaide last Sunday, as West has the best home record in the league. On Saturday, Canberra will try to exploit its own home ground advantage against booming Brisbane City, and should take at least one point.

Previous results — 1977 — Can 1-0, 2-0; 1978 — BC 1-0, Can 4-0; 1979 — Can 1-0.

Adelaide City, which has now won for five weeks, faces another difficult match

against St. George which is training every snow to lift itself off the bottom of the ladder.

Having drawn 1-1 with mighty Marconi, the Saints certainly look capable also of holding Adelaide. Brendan Grosse had a triumphant return to the team last week, Rudi Gnani is back at his best in midfield, John O'Shea is firing and Phil O'Connor's return has made a big difference to the attack.

Previous results — 1977 — AC 2-0, 1-1; 1978 — AC 1-0, St.G. 2-1; 1979 — AC 2-0.

No-one finds it easy to play in Brisbane, but the Lions are in such poor form that not even their home ground advantage will help them against West Adelaide at Perry Park on Sunday.

Previous results — 1977 — WA 5-1, 4-1; 1978 — WA 3-0, BL 1-0; 1979 — WA 1-0.

Philips and PSL approach TV

Philips Industries and the Philips League are preparing to ask the commercial stations and the ABC to televise soccer.

PSL chairman Mr. Sam Papasavas said Philips Industries were making submissions to the commercial stations and the league would approach the ABC.

The extent of Philips' sponsorship of the league next year will not be known until the TV

stations decide their intention one way or another.

Meanwhile, the proposal that importation of players should be banned, will be discussed at the next ASF executive meeting next month.

A decision probably will be made about whether imports should be banned altogether, whether they should be limited, and whether star guest players should be used in the league to increase public interest.

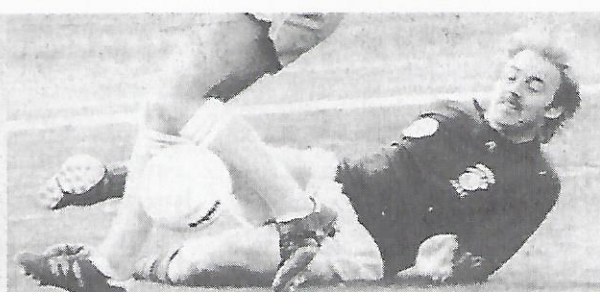
World star here?

A top international player will be sought by Sydney City to make a guest appearance in a game to celebrate the centenary of Australian soccer.

Rudi Gutendorf's Australian team will be Sydney City's opponents in the celebration match planned for January next year. It will be incorporated into the Festival of Sydney.

Sydney City manager Johnny Warren said he hoped to lure one of the world's top players to Australia for the match.

The Sydney Sports Ground has been earmarked as the venue.



Peter Ollerton, who scored Footscray's winning goal against Sydney City, wins the ball the hard way. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



Sydney Olympic goalscorer Graham Jennings (left) chases APIA's Rod Skellern at Pratten Park. Picture by ALEX VESIC

Yugoslav scores

Results of Yugoslav First Division matches played at the weekend: Sloboda 3 - Hajduk 1, Olimpija 3 - Vojvodina 0, Velez 3 - Zeljznicar 0, Borac 1 - Red Star 1, Osijek 1 - Dinamo 0, Partizan 1 - Radnicki 1, Sarajevo 3 - Vardar 0, Rijeka 1 - Celik 0, Buducnost 0 - Napredak 0

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The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is TODD CLARKE of Sydney City. Martin Crook (W. Ad) leads in the voting.

Mike Johnson

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Referees' blunder

ST GEORGE 1
MARCONI 1

Scorers: Russell own goal 70, Mariani 67.
Crowd: 3,573
Ground: St George Stadium
Weather: Warm and windy
Referee: Bill Jones 4.

A controversial refereeing decision robbed St. George of a deserved win over Marconi at St. George Stadium.

With St. George leading 1-0 three minutes from the end, referee Bill Jones awarded Saints a free kick in their own penalty area.

St. George fullback Robert O'Shea passed the ball over to Doug Ujenski for him to take the free kick.

However, Marconi replacement striker Bertie Mariani assumed the free kick had been taken, intercepted the ball and pushed it past Mike Fraser into the net.

To the amazement of the St. George players, the referee allowed the goal to stand.

The incensed St. George team refused to kick off and some players, especially Roy Cotton and John O'Shea, were lucky to escape punishment for their open disgust toward the referee.

The controversial decision capped the display by Mr. Jones who continually stopped play unnecessarily and failed to appreciate what was what was not a foul, often making the wrong decision which upset players and crowd alike.

The game highlighted a growing problem in the Phillips League where referees, from centres such as Queensland and Newcastle in particular, are obviously not up to the standard required.

This is not surprising as most of those referees have spent their careers in what was previously a relatively low standard of soccer. Their performances reflect this lack of experience.

Mr. Jones has refereed in Newcastle for 26 years.

The Phillips League administration will have to solve this problem.

St. George completely dominated the game with its goalkeeper Mike Fraser tested only twice, both from long range.

Saints had excellent chances to Phil O'Connor twice and Ray Cotton once, plus numerous half chances, none of which were put away.

Ironically it was St. George's own goal, following a Gnavi Mihajlovic build up, which opened Saint's scoring after 70 minutes. Rudi Gnavi had been one of Saints' many shining stars on the day against a lethargic Marconi.

Throughout the game Gnavi continually gave probing through-balls to Saints' strikers, the type of supply we usually expect from Roberto Vieri.

Marconi's strikers, Jankovic, Krncic and Sharne were very static, setting themselves mainly for wall passes which broke down against the tight marking of Grosse, Harris and Robert O'Shea.

Marconi also lacked width, which along with their slow build-up, allowed their speedy front trio little room to exploit their quickness. Peter Sharne in particular was completely shut out of the game. Ivo Prskalo was their best players.

Saints looked a good side on the day and a look at their substitutes' bench showed the strength of their formidable squad.

Stars such as Rudi Della Picca, Martin Coe, new expensive signing Nick Fenoughty, plus under 19 representatives Paul Kay and Peter Katholos were not needed, while big striker Neville Morgan was not even stripped.

Marconi cannot afford many more lethargic and tactically inept performances as this one or their big points lead could slip away.

Footscray put together an excellent move from Andrija Ristic to Palinkas, to Jovanovic and then to Lujic who dashed past the last defenders into the penalty area but again, Clarke came out brilliantly to smother.

In the 43rd minute, referee Kerr suddenly turned away from the play, and went over to talk to a linesman. Kerr then ran towards Mike Rujevic and showed him the red card. He then ran 200 metres to Joe Watson and sent him off as well. Apparently there had been an incident behind play.

The winning goal came two minutes from the end. Ollerton passed to Lujic who played it wide to Palinkas. Palinkas cut it back square to Ollerton who had time to pick his spot and place the ball into the right

Rujevic and Watson off

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1
SYDNEY CITY 0

Scorer: Ollerton 85th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: about 500.
Weather: cold and windy.
Referee: Bob Kerr 6.
Cautions: Ristic (F), Ollerton (F), Campbell (SC).

Footscray 1, U.S.T. may have been playing against makeshift Sydney City team but it was nevertheless a much improved performance by the Blues — just ask City goalkeeper Tony Clarke.

"You fellows have given 10 points to a few players in the best player ratings. I'd give Clarke 11," Footscray coach Bob McLaughlin said after the game.

It wasn't that Clarke had many powerful shots to save, but his positioning was perfect, particularly to cut out crosses and intercept attackers.

Footscray's improvement was most evident in its attack and its midfield.

The field was more disciplined than usual. Joe Picciano covered quite well and tried to play the ball earlier, although he was again caught in possession a few times.

McLaughlin named his other midfielder, Slobodan Jovanovic, as the man of the match. Jovanovic stayed back, as McLaughlin wanted him too, he played good early crosses and he got through a lot of work as well.

Footscray's defence, featuring sweeper Jim O'Reilly, played his first game since transferring from Heidelberg United, also looked more solid, although it was playing against only one effective Sydney City forward, Murray Barnes. Another new man in the defence was Zoran Ilkovic, pulled back from midfield to snuff out the danger posed by Joe Watson.

Watson did not make a single dangerous run, but he and Footscray's Mirko Rujevic were sent off by referee Bob Kerr just before half time. The other City forward, Nelo Borges, hardly got a kick.

City played without full central striker Terry Smith who was dropped to the Federation team due to bad form. Hilton Silva also played, but the replacement team but he played well enough to suggest he will be back in the PSL on Sunday.

Key defender Eddie Thomson also missed the match due to injury and the defence was weakened even further when Steve O'Connor was carried off with an ankle injury, to be replaced by Gomez in the 35th minute.

What was left bore little resemblance to the Sydney City (Hakoah) machine which Melbourne fans admire. Murray Barnes battled hard in attack, Eric Campbell provided a few of the magical runs for which he is renowned and John Stevenson performed with his usual grit and efficiency in midfield, but the remainder of the game was a series of unmemorable moments in this performance.

Footscray gave City a taste of things to come when Palinkas stormed past Jan Palinkas on the right and played the ball square for Ollerton but his shot in the middle was blocked in only the second minute of the game.

Then Lujic had a similar run on the left, past Kevin Mullen, who was left stranded after committing himself too far up. Lujic cut the ball back to Picciano and his shot was blocked, too.

Ollerton got away on a through ball and looked set to score but goalkeeper Clarke dashed out to meet him.

Palinkas was away on the right in a promising Footscray move but the linesman waved it offside, even though Steve O'Connor was lying injured on the ground a long way ahead of play. O'Connor was carried off and Footscray's attack was wrecked.

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Inspired by Fernandez

West Adelaide 2
Canberra City 0

Scorers: Norris 57, Tymczyszyn 67.
Crowd: 2,700.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Weather: Cold and wet.
Cautions: Milovanovic (Canberra).
Referee: C. Bambridge.

West Adelaide maintained its dominance over Canberra City with a sparkling 2-0 win at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West made sweeping changes to its line-up due to injuries and suspension.

Vic Botanic (goal), Barry Reynolds (ankle) and Con Kambas (suspension) missed the crucial game while David Pillans who last played against Adelaide City in June failed a late fitness test.

Coach Tom Forde brought in young defender Nick Pantaras to cover for Reynolds while Graham Honeywood replaced David Jones at the back.

Following its appalling performance against Olympic (0-0) the week before, West was given little hope of beating Canberra which has one of the best away records in the league.

But it was evident from the start that West wanted both points.

It tickled hard and had Canberra reeling early.

Midfielder Peter Boyle almost shot West into the lead with a savage 18 metre shot which goalkeeper Steve Hosowski brilliantly turned around the far post with a lunging save.

But two minutes later Canberra's Jim Cant shot powerfully and Martin Crook foiled the attempt with a fine save.

Canberra gradually moved into gear and its star player Ian Callaghan was proving a major problem to West.

He was particularly effective when he dropped into the midfield and some of his passing was brilliant.

Canberra looked all set to score in the 35th minute when Scottish striker Don MacLaren pounced onto the ball from five metres but Crook foiled the attempt.

Chances were scarce in the final 10 minutes of the half but the game lifted considerably after the break.

Keni Kawaleka came close with a powerful 20 metres shot which flew just over the bar in the fiftieth minute and moments later Graham Norris and John Kosmina both tried headers but the ball was scrambled away.

Kosmina and a quiet game and was clearly affected by the flu which had him bed ridden during the week.

But he still managed to play a vital part in West's first goal.

Crook sent a long ball down field in the 57th minute to Kosmina who nodded the ball onto Norris.

The rugged central striker accelerated past Canberra's defence, drew out Hosowski and lifted the roof of the net with a scorching shot from 12 metres.

Forde replaced Alex Zervas with Whylla recruit Marcelino Fernandez soon after, and the move had a big effect on West.

Fernandez caused Canberra a lot of trouble and he inspired the best move of the match in the 65th minute.

The bearded, dark haired striker spared the ball to Boyle from the right wing and the dynamic midfielder quickly slipped it to McGregor who hit a first time shot from 25 metres which Hosowski brilliantly turned around the near post.

McGregor took the corner kick which brought up West's second goal.

After Boyle had an attempt blocked defender Peter Tymczyszyn pounced on it and thundered the ball past a wall of defenders for his second goal for the club.

Canberra's Terry Byrne was starved of the ball all day and rarely got in a position to score but he was presented with a gift in the 70th minute after an appalling defensive blunder.

But to the delight of the small crowd which had braved the bitterly cold and wet conditions, Byrne kicked wide from five metres with Crook stranded.

It underlined the sort of day Canberra had and never looked like scoring after that particularly with Crook in such fine

Taylor stops bonus point

BRISBANE CITY 3
HEIDELBERG 1

Scorers: Low 3rd, Perry 19th, Campbell 49th (BC); Taylor 88th H.
Ground: Perry Park.
Weather: Warm and fine.
Crowd: 3750.
Referee: Jim Reeves 6.

Cautions: Tansy, Provan (H), Caldwell (BC).

In yet another solid home performance, Brisbane City cleared a major hurdle in their quest for a top four position by beating a plucky and unlucky Heidelberg United 3-1, to record their first victory over the Melbourne club since the PSL began.

But although it was a great effort to overcome the fluent Heidelberg by such a convincing margin, Brisbane City must realise everything went right for them in the two.

Yet for all that, City really should have pressed home their advantage of a 3-0 lead just after half time to go for a bonus scoring point which they had ample opportunity to do.

City could not have hoped for a better start, when midfielder Kevin Low shot them to the lead after only three minutes.

Barry Kelsos' cross from the right took a deflection and lobbed over Yacka Banovic's head to hit the crossbar. It rolled loose and John Coyne headed it back for Low, who found the corner to notch his ninth goal of the season.

The early setback certainly did not deter Heidelberg as they threw themselves forward to produce the type of football which obviously helped them to crush Marconi 4-0 a few weeks back.

Jim Tansy crossed a tremendous ball for Gary Cole who outjumped the defence but watched Kim Wishart back pedal and shove it just over the bar.

From the resultant corner by Jimmy Rooney, Taylor and Kelsos hit the post to touch George Potter's arm, but he vigorously rubbed his heart and referee Reeves waved play on.

In the 19th minute, City raced to a 2-0 lead, a virtual gift thanks to some poor judgement by Banovic. Pimblett and Coyne worked a great move on the right to find the overlapping Perry, who then attempted forceful cross zipped over the retreating Banovic's head and into the net.

This type of killer blow would have ended the action on the most solid of nights, but Heidelberg, with an ounce of luck could well have been back on level terms by half time.

Then Rooney pushed Cole wide and in his haste to try and shove it over the bar, big striker pushed the ball too far ahead and Wishart was able to advance and snaffle.

Rooney took the first of four almost consecutive corners in the style always looking for a man on the near post, and which caused the City defence no end of trouble until Wishart finally grabbed one safely.

The second half was only five minutes old when City swept to a 3-0 lead, in almost a carbon copy of their first half opening. It was a tremendous team goal, involving five players.

Perry controlled the ball near the halfway line and laid it back to Pimblett, who neatly chipped through a long ball for the charging Caldwell on the wing.

Caldwell's cross evaded Campbell, but found Low, who slipped it back into the middle and Campbell did the rest by side-footing home the ball.

At this stage, Heidelberg refused to slacken their tempo and fully realised attack was the best means to try and prevent a fourth City goal.

Nero Smith replaced Kelsos with youngster Mark Bruscasso, a decision which irked City supporters, but it seemed Kelsos was not fully fit because of a flu attack.

City supplied plenty of leadup work, enough really to provide the vital fourth goal and the match was kept at a high entertaining level by Heidelberg's counter-attacking, although Buljevic, Cole and Rooney soon began to make mistakes through sheer frustration.

With City pitching forward in the dying minutes, Taylor snatched the goal with ease, following a long Rooney run.

It was another great team effort by City with sweeper Potter and hardworking midfielder Pimblett at the heart of the stars in terms of football ability. Not far behind was Perry, who did not have a happy match the week before against Newcastle, and his co-fallback

Scott turns the tide

APIA 0
OLYMPIC 2

Ground: Wentworth Park.
Crowd: 5368.
Referee: Richard Lorenz 9.
Weather: Fine and sunny.
Yellow cards: Ken Reed 64.
Andy Scott, the man who moved from APIA to Sydney Olympic after a few rounds of the Phillips League this year, has not had much luck since his unexpected move, but with 20 minutes to go, the lanky striker was brought into the game against his old club and at the expense of his old mate, Clive Eaton.

Almost immediately, Scott made an impact that shattered his old side. With Skellern on his heels, Scott managed to turn before pushing the ball past the APIA fullback. Scott's long reach proved decisive in the end as the two men raced for the ball. Flicking the ball with the inside of his left foot, Scott provided an ideal opportunity for Graham Connors some five metres from the line. Wasting no time at all, the young Soccerro headed past Woodhouse to give his side the lead.

Six minutes later, Andy Scott put the issue beyond doubt with a well-taken goal following a tremendous shot by the other Olympic replacement, Karaspyros. The ball bounced off the crossbar and into play for Scott to lunge at it and push it back into the net.

APIA made some late changes to alter the course of the game but then, it was too late and Olympic had the points.

While Scott made it all happen for Olympic in the last 10 minutes, APIA supporters left the ground wondering, what does APIA have to do to win a game? They played well in the first half and created a number of scoring opportunities.

Scott hit the post in the first half and almost from the restart of the second half APIA attacked through Stone and Reed to see a shot by Reed hit the crossbar.

An inch one way or the other!

A phrase that often comes of the lips of those who lose. In this particular match APIA had lost one too many chances in the first half to complain about its second-half doom.

For one who cannot put the ball in the net, the rewards at the end of the game are poor. In the 13th minute Ken Reed had the first of many chances. With Peter Wilson stranded on the line in goal for Olympic, Ken Reed failed to control a powerful cross from the wing when only five metres away.

Some seven minutes later it was Stone's turn to attack. Brushing past a defender, Stone unleashed a powerful drive that brought a spectacular save from Wilson. The ball ran loose for APIA's defender Olympic to slam it back towards his own goal, only to see his young teammate put his foot to the ball and divert it around the post for a corner.

Reed had another chance in the 32nd minute and only a Lions' loss Wilson 30 minutes before the end. The young midfielder, like Davidson, left the field on the stretcher, with a badly lashed right shin.

Luton had a brilliant opportunity to increase the margin, but his close range shot was stopped by Lownds.

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Campbell had a share in the third goal as well. His through ball put Luton on the run, two minutes before the end and he made no mistake in placing it in the bottom corner of the net.

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A shot followed and finally the young keeper, Wilson, was beaten but alas, the crossbar was in the way and the ball bounced perilously close to going over the line before

Lions tamed by Campbell

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3
BRISBANE LIONS 0

Referee: S. Mellings 7.
Crowd: 2,500.
Scorers: Campbell 59m and 81 m, Luton 88m.
Ground: White Park.
Weather: Fine and sunny.
Middle sparked into life last Sunday.

South Melbourne notched their first win in eight weeks, defeating Brisbane Lions by the convincing score of 3-0.

South gained breathing space with a solid 45-minute's pounding of Lions' goal. Two of the goals came from the man of the match, George Campbell.

South were the quicker team to settle in the blustery conditions. Lions looked in deep trouble, failing to catch advantage of the strong back wind in the opening half and with their defence at sixes and sevens right from the start.

The early loss of midfielder Al Davidson did not hinder South's development of play. Davidson was carried off the field on a stretcher with a badly bruised right leg, sustained in a solid clash with Lions' midfielder Wilson.

George Campbell initiated South's attacking overtures. The mighty midge burst forward on the 19th minute, attacking himself to a loose ball. His through pass was picked up by Evans who hammered it narrowly wide.

Two minutes later Campbell himself sent the ball sailing over the crossbar after he had clearly beaten former soccer Col Bennett.

Evans came close to grasping the lead, half way through the opening half. From an acute angle Evans unleashed a plevier that Lownds failed to block. On the goal line Lavelle hooked the ball out, temporarily releasing the pressure.

Lions' only scoring opportunity was presented to them by centre half Chris Kalafatis. Casually, Kalafatis attempted a back pass to his goalkeeper, ignoring the presence of Brennan. Quickly Brennan pounced on the ball but his shot found the side netting.

There was only one team in the crowd who had seen South Melbourne dominated and victory was inevitable.

Lavelle cleared the ball off Lions' goal line for the second time with a brave driving kick, but a powerful Evans' shot.

Cummings hit the woodwork the following minute with a spectacular overhead scissors kick, from a perfectly weighted Campbell cross.

The inevitable came on the 59th minute. Campbell broke away through the midfield. From the edge of the area he unleashed a low shot that found the bottom of the post, and bounced into the opposite corner of goal.

Laumets almost handed out the equaliser on the 65th. He completely missed a swirling corner by Hermiston but the ball bounced half a step ahead of a cluster of Lions players, for Baxter to clear it.

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KB needs to improve

Newcastle KB 0
Adelaide City 0

Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine with ground condition perfect.
Cautions: J. Perin (AC) 16th minute.
Crowd: 12,143.

Referee: Tony Boskovic (Sydney) 9.5 points.

Rale Rasie's well disciplined Adelaide City team came to the International Sports Centre last week looking for a point and manage to do just that in a game that was dominated by the respective defence.

But even the well organised Adelaide City defence presented the local team with some golden opportunities but the Newcastle United forwards unfortunately squandered the chances.

It was unfortunate for the magnificent crowd of 12,143 that Newcastle did not take at least one of those chances. It would have certainly opened up the game.

It would have been interesting to see Adelaide City's reaction and tactics to find themselves one down.

City's plan of dropping back in defence to formulate quick counter attacks from the back seemed sound enough, but with Dixie Dean well handled by Newcastle's defences, they failed to have the desire effects.

Adelaide City's only real chance came from a set piece in the 88th minute.

From a well fought corner taken from the left by Agenor Muniz, John Nykobus used himself unmarked on the far post. His header sailed harmlessly over the bar.

Six minutes earlier Newcastle missed a similar chance from a free kick taken by Graham Heys on the right. Ken Boden attempted to beat the tall City defence to the ball but his header skimmed the bar.

The second half saw Newcastle playing with a slight breeze behind them and the first real chance came in the 53rd minute from a long clearance.

Ken Boden outpaced the City defence but Marshall managed to smother the ball; Graham Heys arrived on the scene but his foot shot was easily cleared.

Soon after that Robert Marwe replaced injured Jim Muir in the sweeper position, but in the 64th minute, Campbell scored once again caught square by Jim Preston's clearance.

Again it was Boden who missed the chance; this time he got his shot on target, but it was a goalkeeping error.

On the legs six minutes later Allan Vest replaced Graham Heys with Malcolm McClelland.

The real chance came in the 79th minute when Peter Treddinick in a great solo run beat several defenders on the left only to see his shot being deflected for a corner by the outstanding legs of goalkeeper Marshall.

And that is where the chances ended.

Newcastle manager Alan Vest was quite pleased with his team's performance after the game. It proved once again that Newcastle can beat any team in the competition but they must learn to take some percentage of their chances.

Vest should be pleased with the performance of Peter Treddinick who is starting to show the form displayed earlier in the year in Brazil when he played for Australia in the Youth Tournament elimination match and was claimed to be Rudi Gutendorf's brightest prospect.

Col Curran, probably the local crowd's favorite son also has shown consistent form, however his performances are inclined to be overlooked as one has come to expect a usually high standard from the former international.

Newcastle is playing Sydney Olympic this Sunday and it was in the corresponding match in the first round that Graham Heys scored his last goal, and it has not been for the lack of opportunities.

Peter Willis' defensive work has always been positive but his distribution shortcomings were never more evident than last week against Adelaide City.

Kevan Keelan also has failed to settle down as expected. Even allowing for the poor quality of some of the service he received against Adelaide City he was repeatedly beaten to the ball by the nippy City defence and that is just





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Parramatta plucks the Eagles

NSW State League

Melita's semi-final hopes nosedived with its 3-1 defeat by lowly Parramatta City in the Pepsi State League soccer match at Garfield Park.

In a hard game, Parramatta capitalised on two defensive mistakes to score victory over its more fancied opponents.

Winger Bruce Waldon gave Parramatta the lead in the 22nd minute after a mix-up in the Melita defence, beating the goalkeeper with a 20 metre shot.

Centre forward Don Allan for Melita a minute later with a header from eight metres following a pass by winger Brian Parker.

But the more aggressive Parramatta regained the lead in the 32nd minute when Nelson Brizuela made the most of another defensive blunder between goalkeeper Don Smith and defender Howard Hadley.

Despite constant attack after the interval, the Melita forwards were held at bay by some brilliant saves from the Parramatta goalkeeper Ian Baker.

With eight minutes to go, Waldon struck again with a high lob in the right hand corner which completely deceived goalkeeper Smith.

PARRAMATTA CITY 3 (Waldon 2, Brizuela 1) MELITA 1 (Allan) at Garfield Park 745. Saturday game.

INTER MONARRO 0 drew with AUBURN 0 at Queanbeyan. Crowd: 700.

CRADOCK 2 (Conner, Albany) 4 MANLY 0 at Bankstown. Crowd: 2720.

BANKSTOWN 2 (Daley 2) 4 YUGAL 1 (Marsall) at Concord. Crowd: 801.

KURRING-GAI 1 (Ferreil) 4 MARRICKVILLE 0 LYNBY 0 at Parkside Oval. Crowd: 308.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 3 (Beggs 3) 4 AVALA 1 (Dunne) at Knight Park. Crowd: 528.

TOONGABIE 4 (Hart 2, Payne, Benito-Devalle) 4 ARNCIFFE SCOTS 2 (Schroeder, Sidel), Hurstville. Crowd: 380.

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Croatia 12 5 0 40 15 28

Monaro 9 5 3 40 25 23

Sutherland 9 4 4 34 16 22

Melita 7 5 4 25 20 19

Auburn 7 4 6 29 28 18

M. Olympic 7 3 7 23 22 17

Avala 6 7 3 25 27 17

Kurringgai 5 7 5 20 25 17

Bankstown 6 3 8 19 23 15

Parramatta 7 1 9 18 31 15

Toongabbie 5 4 7 25 27 14

Arnciff 3 7 18 32 11

Manly 3 3 10 13 23 9

Yugal 3 2 11 14 29 8

18. Valeri (M) 12. Hall (S), Allan (M), Albany (C), Beggs (S).

19. Daley (B), 10. Saver (C), Montgomery (A), Ramiach (M), 8. Fisher (T), Giampaolo (M), Firrell (M), 7. Sidel (A), 6. Brown (M), Sullivan (C), J. Marsalle (V), Dunne (A), 5. T. Marsalle (M), Jack (M), Kovacic (C), Trent (T).

This week's games

SATURDAY

Auburn - Yugal - Monaro Park

Arnciff - Manly - Hurstville Oval

SUNDAY

Parramatta - Avala - Garfield Park

Toongabbie - Kurringgai - Gabbie Stadium

Sutherland - Croatia - Seymour Show

Bankstown - Melita Eagles - Soccer Centre

Marr Olympic - Monaro - Arnciff

RUDI GUTENDORF STARTING FROM SCRATCH

'82 World Cup: Col Curran has his doubts

The mercurial Col Curran, the most experienced and most decorated member of the Newcastle KB United playing squad is only guardedly optimistic about Australia's hopes of doing well in the 1982 World Cup series.

He considers that Australia has the players to reach the final rounds but that they have been unfortunately handicapped by coaching changes.

"Don't get me wrong on that point," he said. "I've got great regard for Rudi Gutendorf as a coach and I'm sure he will put a grand team onto the field for the World Cup matches, but he is working against time."

"Rale Rasic took us to Munich after a somewhat limited preparation and that team was really something. Had he been able to carry on from there I think we would have had a crackerjack side now."

"But it was not to be and so Rudi Gutendorf had to start from scratch again, not from where Rale Rasic left off or from where Jimmy Shoulder left off, but all over again."

"The players had been well drilled in Rasic's methods and systems and were improving all the time. But much of that spade work which took us to Munich has been wasted."

"I don't envy Rudi Gutendorf in his task but he is doing a great job for he knows what it is all about. It is the time lost between our first World Cup bid in 1970 and now that bothers me. We are just that far behind," says Curran.

Curran should know. He is the only member of the Newcastle DB United

Joint training

Despite its great success and its obvious popularity among football enthusiasts it cannot be said that Newcastle KB United is either snobbish or parochial.

Its players and those of the North Newcastle Rugby League Club, which plays in the Newcastle Rugby League first grade competition, are to have a joint training session on July 31.

This is but more evidence of KB United's insistence on sound public relations.



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Newcastle's Soccerroo Col Curran (right) tangles with John Nyskohus of Adelaide City.



Col Curran and the Australia team that beat Iran in a World Cup match in Sydney on August 18, 1973. Standing from left: Baartz, Richards, Watkins, Wilson, Alston, Utjesenovic, Warren. Front: Macley, Curran, Rasic (coach), Fraser, Abonyi. The picture is from the book "The Soccerroos and their Opponents."

Ray Baartz missed because of injury but which he saw as a visitor with the team.

Curran then played with Western Suburbs (Sydney) in 1973-74-75-76 but came back North to join KB United in 1978 - and how fortunate was KB United to gain him!

"Australia has done remarkably well in world soccer," he says. "When it is realised that we are not yet fully professional as are overseas teams and that national sides in other countries go into camp for months and months on end, Australia has proved just what it could be if it were to do the same thing."

A non-stop player with remarkable shooting ability and an eye for the quick chance, Curran has scored some remarkable goals this season.

He considers that Rale Rasic had an even greater part in his development than did his two years with Manchester United. He has high regard for Rasic but equally great admiration for Rudi Gutendorf.

It would not surprise if Curran is seen again in Australian colors. He is 100 per cent physically fit, has lost none of his skill, and is as keen on the game as he was when, as a six-year-old, he held his place in an Under 10 side.

He has a proud tradition to uphold. His grandfather, the late Mr Jim Curran, played in some of the earliest teams in the North 80 years ago. He played many times for Newcastle in those early days and was a noted goal scorer, just as is his grandson, of whom he would be proud, as are those who have followed 'Bunny' Curran's remarkable career.

A NEW RECORD AT HEIDELBERG GAME?

Newcastle KB United attracted its third crowd of more than 10,000 to a premiership match this season when it drew with Adelaide City at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

The crowd was 12,143. That makes the aggregate attendance for the nine Philips League Championship home matches 91,702, an average of 10,187 over the season.

The biggest attendance was at the sixth round match against Sydney Olympic on April 14 when 18,367 passed through the turnstiles. Last Saturday's crowd was the next best while the other crowd of more than 10,000 was that which watched KB United defeat APIA-Leichhardt a fortnight before.

In two successive matches at home KB United has attracted an aggregate attendance of 22,155.

If the side defeats Sydney Olympic in Sydney this weekend it is almost certain that last Saturday's big attendance will be topped on August 4.

The visiting team that day will be Heidelberg which is challenging KB United for its place on the points score table.

KB United has had attendances of 8000 or more in eight of its nine home fixtures this season, its lowest being 7091 when it met and defeated the lowly South Melbourne team.

With four of its 13 home premiership matches still to be played, less than an aggregate of 10,000 spectators is needed to bring up the 100,000 for the season. It will not be long before some fortunate follower will pass through the turnstile to be greeted by an official with the welcome news that he, or she, is the 100,000th to make the stile click and so will receive free admission to the club's matches for life.

Add to the growing attendance for premiership fixtures the numbers who have seen and will see KB United in other matches - the Philips Cup, the Prime Minister's Cup and such - and the club is headed to set an attendance record that will make other clubs greatly envious.



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Croatia kept unbeaten record intact by defeating Manly 2-0.

Croatia was always on top but the game failed to reach any great heights due to the blustery conditions.

Manly's attack was poor as it stacked its defence trying to keep Croatia at bay.

The busiest player on the field was Manly goalkeeper Chris Cassattari, who made many saves.

The closest Manly came to scoring was in the 27th minute when striker Gary Chapman skimmed the cross bar with a header.

Croatia's first goal came in the 8th minute when front-runner Wayne Coates headed a centre into the right corner of the net.

The second was scored by captain coach Atli Abonyi in the 73rd minute. He rose high to head in a spectacular goal through a wall of Manly players.

A great hat-trick by striker Peter Beggs consolidated Sutherland's top four position following the 3-1 victory over Avala at Knight Park.

Sutherland looked sharp in the first half, but eased up after the break.

Beggs put them ahead in the third minute with a smart header from six metres, following a corner kick from John Stoddart.

He scored again in the 43rd minute pouncing on a faulty back pass from Steve Deller and beating Peter Ahrens in the Avala goal.

A casual Sutherland paid the penalty in the second half allowing Zoran Durisic to shoot through a crowd of players to score from 18 metres.

Three minutes later Beggs sealed the issue for Sutherland with his third goal - a hook from 12 metres following a cross from the left.

Ku-Ring-Gai jolted Marrickville Olympic's final four hopes with a 1-0 victory at Parkland Oval.

Posed to move into fourth spot, Marrickville gave a disappointing and sluggish performance.

Their forwards relied on the individual effort rather than teamwork to make the break while the lack of understanding in the defence gave their supporters many anxious moments.

In contrast the enthusiastic Ku-Ring-Gai gave an excellent display with Bobby Hogg outstanding in the midfield.

Hogg's positional play and superb distribution exposed the deficiencies in Marrickville's defence and with a lively performance from Graham Firrell, the central striker, the result never looked in doubt.

But the lone goal was a scrambling affair in the 71st minute.

Following a corner, Marrickville's defenders failed to clear and Firrell was on hand to force the bouncing ball over the line from close range.

Marrickville tried desperately to grab an equaliser but still their forwards refused to shoot.

Auburn continued its quest for a semi-final berth in the Pepsi State Soccer League with hard fought 0-0 draw with second-placed Monaro in Queanbeyan.

In the fourth minute a curving drive by Monaro centre forward Walter Valeri shaved the Auburn post - the

nearest the Monaro strikers were to scoring.

The usual lethal combination of Sebastian Giampaolo and Valeri was not evident today and Giampaolo played too deeply.

The Auburn defence marked efficiently with Willie Hamilton a midfield dynamo often settling up moved for big forwards Steve Montgomery and Steve Leak, who were allowed too much room by the Monaro defenders.

In the second half the Auburn pressure continued and Monaro defenders were forced to clear off the goal line three times.

With less than ten minutes to go the Auburn goalkeeper Roger Gisbourne left the field injured after clashing accidentally with Giampaolo.

He was replaced by David Bowman.

The Monaro midfield could not dominate their Sydney counterparts and during the second half the Monaro attackers were often starved of passes.

Auburn left Queanbeyan with a valuable point, but could really claim it was a match it should have won.

Two vital goals by striker Jim Izatt highlighted Toongabbie's 4-2 defeat of Arnciff at Hurstville.

Izatt claimed the initial breakthrough in the 21st minute when he 18-year-old teammate Neil Pearson split the defence down the left flank and served a perfect centre for the scoring opportunity.

Pearson increased the margin after 36 minutes with a mighty drive from 20 metres out giving the goalkeeper no chance.

Three minutes into the second half Toongabbie's Frank Benito-Devalle made 3-0 when he stepped through some weak defence and crashed the ball into the net from close range.

Arnciff came back gamely and their persistence was rewarded with a goal in the 71st minute when a defensive mix-up enabled Richie Schroeder to score.

But Toongabbie were quick to regain the initiative and the final 20 minutes were featured by a non-stop bombardment of the Arnciff goal mouth.

In the 84th minute Arnciff's defence eventually yielded when goalkeeper Peter Freeman was caught out of position and Izatt rammed home his second goal.

With only seconds remaining Arnciff's striker Derek Sidel made the final scoreline look more respectable for Arnciff in netting his team's second goal of the match.

Bankstown's Dennis Daley celebrated his return to full fitness by grabbing both goals in the 2-1 win over Yugal at Concord Oval.

The match was a fiery affair with referee Alan Mackenzie handing out four yellow cards and sending off Yugal pair Charlie Progomelja and Dusan Pusic.



Seven new men make mark as Germans advance

• Casper Memering

• Dieter Hoernes

THREE away wins in a row by the national side brought the international fixtures to a close this season and gave new hope to the West Germans that at last they've turned the corner.

The gloom which descended after those insipid goalless draws with Malta and Turkey was dispersed thanks to the 2-0 victory over Wales (European Championship), the 3-1 against the Republic of Ireland and 3-1 v Iceland.

In the last two matches manager Jupp Derwall was able to experiment, as from the established team the Spanish "mercenaries" Rainer Bonhof and Uli Stielike were not available, while centre forward Klaus Fischer (Schalke) and full back Bernard Dietz (MSV Duisburg) were needed for rearranged League matches of vital importance to their relegation threatened clubs.

Goalkeeper Burdinski (Werder Bremen) and forward Klaus Allofs (Fortuna Dusseldorf) left the party after the Ireland game, also because of club commitments.

In Dublin no fewer than five new caps were introduced — two more players made successful debuts in Reykjavik helping to restore the national side's prestige.

Against Eire full back Bernd Forster 23, elder brother of the national stopper Karl-Heinz, striker Dieter Hoernes 26 (both from VfB Stuttgart) and midfielder Bernd Schuster 19 (Cologne) began the match, whilst midfielders William "Jimmy" Hartwig 24 and Casper Memering 25 (both Hamburger SV) came on in the 70th minute as substitutes.

In Reykjavik goalkeeper Harald Schumacher 25 (Cologne) in the second half and midfielder Jurgen Groh 22 (Kaiserslautern) from the start, celebrated their first appearance for their country.

No other German team manager has ever launched so many newcomers in one match as Derwall had done against Eire. He was rewarded with a fine win — Rummenigge, Kelsch (who came on as substitute) and Hoernes scored the goals.

In Iceland, Kelsch and Hoernes (2) hit their three, so that Hoernes scored three goals in his first two internationals in a highly promising start for the younger brother of the famous World Cup star Uli, whom he will join in the summer at Bayern Munich.

Derwall was well pleased with the successful end to his first season in charge. Under his guidance the Germans were unbeaten in eight internationals — six of them away.

Derwall is now looking forward to clinching a place in the finals of the European Championship. The squad has been enlarged, but also enriched by several players who have brought more character, style and commitment to the national side.

West Germany's new champions are Hamburger SV, who clinched their first title since 1960, the fourth overall, but first ever in the Bundesliga.

It was a great triumph for their team manager, the Yugoslav Branko Zebec (50) in his first year in office. He brought a calming influence to the badly shaken team (only tenth last season) and organised the squad, who thanks to a consistent run-in at the finish deservedly won the championship.

England's international forward Kevin Keegan improved in the second half of the season to become the club's top scorer with 16 goals and won general acclaim in this country. First-class displays by internationals like keeper Kargus, Kaltz and Buljan (a Yugoslav) in defence, Memering and Hartwig (both recently capped) in midfield and Hubesch in attack, have also been instrumental in Hamburg's title triumph. The sterling work of the backroom staff, the more professional attitude of the board and general manager Gunter Netzer pulling the business strings, were also contributing factors to the success story.

The most disturbing aspect of the Bundesliga championship has been the dramatic rise in the number of sent off players. Kaiserslautern probably lost the chance of winning the title after three key men had been dismissed: defenders Hans-Gunter Neues and Hans-Peter Briegel, as well as the international centre forward and top scorer Klaus Toppmoller.

West Brom job for Green?

From JIM COOK

Gary Owen, West Bromwich's recent signing, had had a European suspension squashed as part of UEFA's 25th anniversary celebrations and will be able to line up for his club at the start of the campaign for next season. England had had its representation cut to three clubs and Scotland cut to two in the UEFA Cup.

Sunderland wants 300,000

pounds for striker Bob Lee which is likely to frighten off interested clubs such as Luton, Orient and Notts County.

Tony Greulich, the 22-year-old Orient and Eire midfielder, is on the wanted list for Norwich, Charlton and Luton.

Quoted 400,000 pounds for a Fourth Division defender, spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw says the transfer market has become stupid and may draft centre forward Colin Lee to full back for the start of the season. Lee had some outstanding games at right back on Spurs' seven-match tour of Japan and the Far East. Lee's striking role could, go to teenager Mark Falco who stands nearly six feet two.

Brighton have paid out a club record fee of 250,000 pounds for 24 year Aston Villa full back John G. Garry.

Les Cocker, the former Leeds and FA coach, has quit his post as No. 2 to Don Revie in the United Arab Emirates and seems likely to become No. 2 with his Leeds associate Billy Bremner who is manager of Doncaster Rovers.

Brian Green, the former Australian national coach, is favourite to get Colin Addison's job as assistant manager with West Bromwich Albion.

Brian Little, whose 650,000 pounds transfer from Aston Villa to Birmingham was called off after he failed a medical which revealed back trouble, says he is absolutely shattered. Evidently a bone is not where it should be and it could slip further. Little will now stay with Villa and have regular checks.

Scottish Premier League side St Mirren outbid Celtic to sign ace Clydebank striker Frank McDougall for 140,000 pounds.

Celtic Under 16 Boys Club have been on a seven match tour of United States where they mowed down all opposition.

Luton Town splashed out a 200,000 pounds fee for Mansfield's 21-year-old central defender Mike Saxby.

Scottish First Division club Dumbarton, with a 500,000 pounds development scheme in the pipeline, intend to make a real challenge for promotion next season.

Prior to the kick-off in August they are playing three matches in Ireland against Celerraine, Ballymena and Sligo Rovers.

Brighton, in the First Division for the first time, have had a request from their chief striker Peter Ward for a transfer. The chairman of the club has received death threats if Ward, whose value is around 500,000 pounds, is allowed to



Juventus' Peter Vaughan (stripes) is scored by Sunshine's Keiron Coyle. Supporting is Juve's Oscar Crino.

Wark and Young in excellent form

ALBION ROVERS 1 FRANKSTON CITY 1

Scorers: Swinsoe (F) 10th, McIntyre (AR) 89th.

Ground: Selwyn Park, Albion.

Crowd: About 400.

Referee: Jack Readshaw 6.

Cautions: Wark (AR).

Sent off: McCormack (AR), T. Young (F), 76th minute.

Teams, with ratings:

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, Miller 5, Nisbet 8, Blair, Stevens 4 — Greenan 7, Wark 9, McIntyre 6, Reilly 5 (injured, sub. McCormack 73rd, sent off 76th) — McNeill 6, D'Sylva 5.

FRANKSTON: Peterson 6 — V. Bannon 8, Adams 7, McCuskey 6, Parrott 6 — G. Bannon 6, Coulson 6, Tulloch 7 (sub. T. Young 8 (sent off 76th) — B. Young 9, Swinsoe 6, Mitten 6.

Alex Wark and Bruce Young played some excellent football.

Albion Rovers snatched what could be a life-saving point from a match marred by fisticuffs 14 minutes from the end.

Ironically, Billy McIntyre and Bruce Young, the two men who sparked the flare-up, got off scot free as referee Jack Readshaw sent off Bill McCormack and Tony Young.

McCormack, incidentally, had come on as a substitute only three minutes earlier.

A foul tackle by McIntyre on Bruce Young started the trouble. As they disentangled themselves, they made threats to each other, causing Readshaw to move in. As that was happening, Bruce Young shaped up to big McCormack who retaliated in an uncouth manner. Bruce Young ran away and it was Tony Young who traded punches with McCormack.

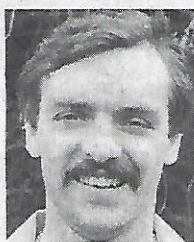
Frankston was clearly the better team but it failed to press home its obvious advantage. Albion Rovers are far from classy.

Wark was their key man against the league leader. He was tireless in his role as defensive midfielder, starting moves from defence and advancing to help the forwards, then retreating to become a fifth defender.

Bruce Young was the most dangerous forward of the game. He beat the unfortunate young left back, Gordon Stevens, at will but few strikers Kevin Swinsoe and Noel Mitten weren't up to their usual good form.

Swinsoe did, however, score the goal that kept Frankston in the lead until injury time at the end of the match, when Bill McIntyre equalised.

Frankston's goal came in



Alex Wark

the 10th minute, when Bruce Young easily skipped past Stevens and crossed to Swinsoe who headed home unopposed.

Moments later, Young went past Stevens on an incredible 60-metre run before aiming a cross at Mitten and Swinsoe in the middle, but this time goalkeeper Billy Johnson reacted quickly to pluck the ball out of the air.

Kit Greenan was the only player who managed to get a few shots in for Albion but two attempts early were from angles acute enough not to bother Frank Peterson.

Then Greenan sent a free kick to Mike D'Sylva who took a bicycle kick that went over the bar.

Bruce Young went on yet another run before crossing to Mitten who headed it down to Swinsoe. However, Swinsoe failed to connect properly, allowing Johnson to save easily.

Just after half time, Mitten headed the ball on to Frankston's excellent midfielder, Tony Young, who put a square ball across the face of goal to Swinsoe but Swinsoe's shot hit the post.

Dave McNeill was playing an intelligent game in attack for Albion, holding the ball, and laying it back to supporting players. In the 65th minute he played it wide to Gerry Reilly whose shot was saved by Peterson.

Reilly was injured later and replaced by McCormack while Frankston coach Fred Bunce brought Alex Tulloch on for Willie Coulson.

McNeill sent the move that led to Albion's equaliser during injury time. He played the ball back cleverly to Greenan whose shot caught Peterson back-peddalling after Alan Parrott had earlier failed to head the goalkeeper's request to be given the ball, which he dropped behind him. Bill McIntyre finished off by putting the ball into the net. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Makedoni thwarted

CROYDON 2 MAKEDONIA 1

Scorers: Croydon — Whyllie 10th, 95th. Makedonia — Ward 11th, McMillan.

Ground: Croydon Park.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards — Spink, ho, McCombe, Hobson — Smith, Murphy — Whyllie, Brogan, Loughnane.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Clayton — R. Garthwaite, Flavell, Beech — Petrovski, bini, Foulmer — Cullen, McMillan, Wark.

Preston Makedonia blew an oz chance to creep closer to league leader 1

ston City when it dropped a point to Cr

City in a game which finished in sensati

Makedonia led 2-1 when the game we

injury time. Several people clocked the

time period, which lasted five minutes.

The sensation came when Duncan

scored the equaliser 15 seconds before

final whistle, thwarting Makedonia.

Smith's goal could cost Croydon the

chance it had of catching Frankston.

In the bustling conditions, the game

hard-fought affair with both sides 1

periods of dominance.

Croydon hit the lead when Jim 1

scored in the 10th minute, but Makedon

back immediately with a goal from

Ward.

The engineer of the move was I

Cullen, who but through the defence l

cutting the ball back for Ward to plan

Mick Edwards.

The explosive Cullen again create

opening for Makedonia's second goal.

Steve Beech started the move, Cullen pl

one way, and the brilliant which gave h

space to fire home a shot from an angle

Smith's goal was a rocket shot, which

how found its way through a jangle of li

beat unsighted goalkeeper Gary Clayton

Gary Ward was playing after havi

three-match suspension reduced. He n

only one game instead.

Centre half John Higham was unava

because of illness, and this allowed G

Flavell to move to his correct positi

sweeper.

Best players for Croydon were full

Jimmy Spink, centre half Alan Pongh

midfielder Charlie Murphy.

Cullen was in great form for Maked

and was aided on the forward line by M

lan. In defence, Dave Garthwaite was th

of the bunch.

'Disgusting

Croydon City will lodge an official

plaint with the VSF after alleged mista

by Preston Makedonia supporters at Cr

Park last Sunday.

Croydon will complain also to P

about the behavior of the fans.

Dave Baddock, the Croydon secretar

Makedonia fans broke down a section

fence, and threw cans, bottles and i

after the match.

"We haven't assessed the cost of r

the fence," said Baddock, "but that's n

not the concern of our members. I

said they will not come to home 1

against Makedonia in future.

"The behavior of the Preston sup

was disgusting. If that's their reaction

the team draws, I'd hate to see what

happen when Preston loses."

Croydon scored a late equaliser to t

game at 2-2.

HAKOAH 0 SLAVIA

Scorers: Monaghan 52nd

Ground: Middle Park

Referee: Jim Farn 7

Caulfield: McNeill, Rooney (H), Cullen (S).

HAKOAH: O'Hara 6 — Geddy 6, Dossan 5, T

S. Nagy 5 (Owens 88th min) — Gibson 5, T

6, Jordanou 5 — Rooney 5, Loh 5, L. Nagy 5

88th min.

SLAVIA: McPherson 7 — Thompson 6, L

Westley 6, Cullen 7 — Brindle 7, Train 6, C

Aldridge 7, Monaghan 6, Williams 6.

Slavia took a mighty leap from eleventh to

place with a win against Hakoah, and now

three fourth place.

The move upward, which draws Slavia out

legation zone for the time being, was

reaching five points from the last three games.

Slavia coach Harry Chalkitis, who was in a

comfortable position three weeks ago, is now

about making the top four.

However, Slavia led the Hakoah backline. The

lack of pace left him exposed to the sharp t

Monaghan and Aldridge.

However, Slavia relied a lot on Monaghan's

scoring touch from the front with Aldridge. The mid

dle attacking, and Jim Williams came to li

patches in the second half.

Billy Brindle had a sizeable game in r

with his defensive work, and in defence Jo

and Steve Lawson had good games.

Of the Hakoah players, only David Baker

with any consistency. Israeli recruit Shrag

lanski had his first full game, but didn't set i

on fire.

GEO. CROSS 1 CROATIA 4

Scorers: Geo. Cross — Mifud

17th, Croatia — Culina (3) 6th, 83rd,

85th, Gilder (pen) 16th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

GEO. CROSS: Watson —

Rumley (Cenaj half time), Matt-

land, Hooper, Barron, Castiello,

Morgan, Mifud (Wilson) — Cowan,

Papayannou.

ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby —

Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Short —

Adams, Murphy, Andrews —

Cunning, Gilder, Culina.

Recalled striker Branko Culina

more than doubled his goal tally

with a hat trick against George

Cross.

Culina, whose career has wa-

ved the field with little reward. He had

hit back in style after being dropped

last week.

Two more one two goals game

before this game, and the hat trick

should boost his confidence as well

as his goal tally.

While Culina was helping himself

to a hat trick, Tommy Cumming

was working like a beaver, but left

the field with little reward. He had

a hand in all four goals, but has only

bruises to show for his efforts.

The first game when Cumming

received a free kick from Grant

Smart and smartly fed the ball to

Culina to score.

Of the Croatia players, only George

Cross defenders combined to floor

Culina in the middle game and

George Cross.

Croatia was without Ante Bla-

ter, who was serving an automatic

suspension after being sent off

against Sunshine.

Carl Gilder converted the resultant

penalty kick.

After this fine start, Croatia

squandered chances and this

allowed George's Frank Mifud to

convert a good pass from Damian

Morgan into a goal in the 37th mi-

ute.



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Lewis 'victimised'

Altona City secretary Bob McKendrick is irate because of alleged victimisation of defender Peter Lewis by referees.

"Lewis is a robust player, and so referees seem to be out to get him," said McKendrick. "As soon as he makes a tackle, the yellow card is whipped out because the referees think they have to get control of him early in the game."

"He has been suspended for one week this season for collecting 12 penalty points and is in line for another suspension. Other defenders get away with murder, but Lewis has referees on his back from the word go."

McKendrick called for referees' inspectors to visit Altona games more often.

"We have had a lot of trouble with referees, but rarely is an inspector present to see what goes on," he said. "Maybe if inspectors came to more Altona games, they would see how unfairly Lewis is treated."

While on the topic of smaller clubs getting a raw deal, McKendrick had a go at soccer writers.

"There are six or seven writers who will choose the Bill Fleming Medal for the player of the year," said Bob, "but hardly ever do these scribes watch Altona. It makes it impossible for any of our players to have a fair chance in the medal vote."



Peter Lewis

Five-match drought broken

ALTONA 1
GG AJAX 0

Scorer: Craw 10th
Ground: Kim Reserve.
ALTONA CITY: van der Pool, Lewis, Gramsbergen, Cannell, Hind, J. Little, Waters, Whyte - Craw, Taylor, Train.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys - Donaldson (Hogben), Patten, Cain, Crilly - Vassallo, Vojtek, Daniels - Boller, Klarin, Segi.

Altona City has finally rediscovered the winning formula which enabled the team to have a flying start in the league championship.

A disastrous spell of five

games without a win during the first half of the league programme dented Altona's hopes of success, but John Payne's boys have now had three successive wins.

A goal by Robin Craw after great work by forward George Train gave Altona the points over Green Gully Ajax.

Although Ajax played well, Altona had the confidence to answer any challenge.

Green Gully had only one real chance to draw level when Mick Klarin had only Hans van der Poel to beat, but watched in dismay as the goalkeeper saved.

However, despite defeat, Ajax coach Billy Vojtek is happy with his team's form.

"The boys are playing well, and it will not be long before we are winning again," he said confidently. "Our display against Altona was encouraging, and we are going to surprise a few teams before the end of the season."

Green Gully was without midfielder Les Thomson, who had the 'flu' but regained striker Andy Segi.

Altona's best were Billy Whyte, Peter Lewis, Harry Hind and John Little. Ajax had a good player in Lou Denys, who made two great saves.

Segi was the best Green Gully forward, but the Altona defence was tight.

Voting

THIS week's votes in the "Soccer Action" - General Tourist Service State League player of the year award:

ALBION v FRANKSTON
3 B. Young (F)
2 Wark (A)
1 V. Bannion (F)

HAKOAH v SLAVIA
3 Monaghan (S)
2 Cullen (S)
1 Aldridge (S)

ALTONA v GG AJAX
3 Whyte (A)
2 Denys (GG)
1 Lewis (A)

JUVENTUS v SUNSHINE
3 McGuinness (J)
2 Crino (J)
1 Clarke (S)

GEO. CROSS v CROATIA
3 Cumming (C)
2 Adams (C)
1 Culina (C)

CROYDON v MAKEDONIA
3 Pongho (C)
2 Cullen (M)
1 McMillan (M)

Leading votegetters -
21 Cullen (M)
17 Whyte (Alt)
13 Cumming (Cro), T. Young (F)

12 McGuinness (J), Williams (Slav)
11 Adams (F), Loh (Hak), Aldridge (Slav), Ellis (Suns)
10 D'Sylva (Alb), Pongho (Cro), Glider (Cro)
9 Klarin, Vojtek (Gully), C. Lucchesi (J)
8 Hooper (Geo), Fench (Hak), Tarquinio (J)

Leading goalscorers -
13 Ward (M)
11 Glider (Cro)

9 Swinscoe, Mitten (Franks), McMillan (Mak)
6 Cumming (Cro), Loh (Hak)

5 Culina, Murphy (Cro), C. Lucchesi (J), Cullen (Mak), D. Nelson (Suns)

A bad omen for Ajax

If history is anything to go by, Green Gully Ajax is in grave danger of relegation from the State League.

History shows that Ringwood City was in ninth place after 14 rounds of the league championship in 1978, and was eventually relegated.

Green Gully currently sits in ninth position after 14 rounds of the 1979 championship, but has a record almost exactly the same as the ill-fated Ringwood.

For comparison, take a look at the following figures:

1978 Ringwood 14 3 5 6 13 19 11
1979 GG Ajax 14 3 5 6 13 23 11

The only difference is in the goals against column, where Green Gully has a worse record than Ringwood City did.

Many people will laugh at such unlucky omens, but just as many soccer people believe in such omens.

This week, Green Gully faces a crucial game against relegation-threatened Sunshine City at Chaplin Reserve.

A victory would ease Ajax's worries considerably, but gaining the two points will not be easy.

Sunshine is sure to bounce back with determination after a poor performance last week against Juventus, and playing at home will give the side an added advantage.

Billy Vojtek regained the services of forward Andy Segi, and soon will have David Perkin back in action.

Mick Klarin has scored four goals since his mid-season switch to the forward line, and his strength will worry Sunshine.

Nick Lowe is in doubt for Sunshine after a facial injury against Juventus. This would be a tremendous blow to Sunshine.

However, Hugh Howe can

slot back into the Sunshine defence.

Lack of goalscoring talent has been the downfall of both sides this season, and so one goal could decide the issue.

Sunshine has Dave Nelson out of form, but he's the type of player who could win the game for the Shiners.

The pressure at the bottom of the table will increase if Albion Rovers can achieve a good result against Croydon at Croydon Park.

I predict a draw between Sunshine and Green Gully, which will close the gap, if Albion gains two points.

Albion has done the hard work this season. Billy McArthur's boys have played the top three sides - Frankston, Croatia and Makedonia - twice this season, and has an easier run home than other relegation threatened sides.

Last season Albion was last after 14 rounds, but escaped the dreaded drop to the First Division.

Alex Wark is playing a vital role in midfield, and if Gerry Reilly and Mick D'Sylva give him support, Albion could cause an upset.

However, the defence must become tighter. Steven Blair and Bobby Nisbet are doing a good job in the middle, but the full back positions Albion is not as strong.

Croydon's flankers Jim Wyllie and Peter Loughnane could make something of this, and will be supported by the attacking Joe Tront in midfield.

The combination of Duncan Smith and Charlie Murphy in midfield has given Croydon more stability in this department.

Albion may grab a draw, but Croydon is obviously the favorite to win.

Still in the relegation zone, George Cross will get into more trouble this week against top side Frankston City.

Frankston has too many big guns - Mitten, Swinscoe, Ged and Vince Bannion and Bruce and Tony Young - for George Cross, which is playing without much style. Defeat will send George Cross deeper into the relegation mire.

The Juventus/Slavia match is another crucial game. Juventus is clinging to fourth spot on goal difference, and will slip out at the first mistake.

Slavia has taken five points from its last three games, and another win will just about finish relegation worries.

The Juventus defence is steady, and the midfield has the brilliant Claude Lucchesi. It will be a tight match, and I think Slavia will win.

Makedonia's championship hopes will disappear if Altona manages to win or draw. Preston will get no respite, as Altona has gone three games for three wins, and is aiming for a top four spot.

Hakoah will become a candidate for relegation after it loses to Essendon Croatia. The way Hakoah played last week, I can't see the St Kilda team getting anywhere near Croatia.

This weeks games:

SATURDAY

Sunshine v Green Gully (Chaplin Reserve).

George Cross v Frankston (Olympic Park).

SUNDAY

Juventus v Slavia (Olympic Park)

Altona v Macedonia (Kim Reserve)

Hakoah v Croatia (Middle Park)

Croydon v Albion Leyland (Croydon Park).

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POCOCK TO LING UP HIS BOOTS

Champion forward Ray Pocock will retire after 15 years at the top of Australian soccer if his team, high-flying Western Suburbs, wins promotion to the Victorian State League.

Pocock, who quit State League soccer this season because he was sick of the pressure, will not continue as player/coach of Wests if the club goes up.

Instead, Ray will start in earnest his coaching career, which has been shaped by former Australian national coach Rale Rasie.

Ray has immense respect for Rasie, despite the fact that it was Rasie who inflicted on Pocock the most bitter disappointment he suffered during his playing days.

The bitter moment came when Ray learned he had been omitted from Australia's 1974 World Cup squad, after being named in the last 25.

"I was so sure I was going to make the trip to West Germany, I bought suitcases," remembers Ray. "When I was left out, I was absolutely shattered."

The pain was harder to bear for Pocock when his replacement Adrian Alston, found considerable fame after being in the World Cup spotlight.

Alston went on to play with Luton Town and Cardiff City in English professional soccer, and later played in the North American Soccer League.

Pocock was left in Australia, wondering what might have been.

However, Ray Pocock has always been a great competitor and setbacks have been shrugged off as quickly as possible.

Pocock explains his reasons for dropping from the State League to the relative obscurity of the Metropolitan First Division.

"I'd had too many years of State League football interfering with my private life. I was sick of the pressures involved with training and playing."

"This was made worse because Sunshine (the club he left this season) didn't have an over-abundance of skillful players. I had to play for myself if I wanted to get anywhere. I have nothing against the boys at Sunshine, as they are a tremendous bunch of lads, but the way they played didn't suit me."

At the start of the season Pocock applied unsuccessfully for the coaching job at Western Suburbs. He was bought as a player for \$3,000 and Jim Pyrgolios was appointed coach.

"For the past seven or eight years I wanted to get into coaching," said Ray, "and that opportunity came up at Western Suburbs. Coaching has given me a new lease of life."

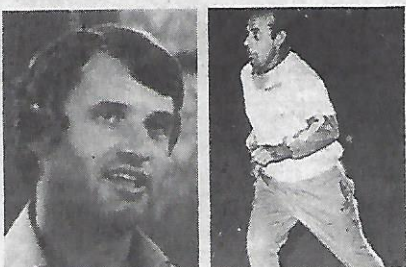
"Playing in the Metropolitan League is easier. The pressure is not as great and the players at Western Suburbs are playing as a team and running off me."

While it is obvious Pocock's coaching has played a big part in lifting Western Suburbs into a commanding position at the top of the First Division, he plays down his role.

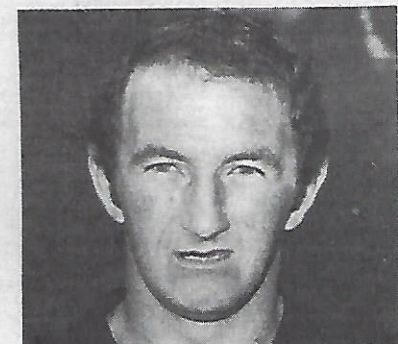
"It's the players who have got the team on top," he maintains. "We have a lot of experienced men and I don't have to tell them what I want."

However, in typically honest style, Pocock said his team was not strong enough to

By KYLE PATTERSON



The three coaches Ray Pocock admires most, from left: Rale Rasie, Leo Baumgartner and Les Scheinflug.



Ray Pocock, former Sunshine, Melbourne, Canterbury and Marconi star who is now player-coach of Victorian First Division leaders Western Suburbs.

hold its own in the State League.

"Western Suburbs has the basis of a good team. There are four or five State League players in the side but we'll have to build on that," he said. "Fortunately, the players who are good enough are in key positions."

"Once the club gets to State League — and I'm not saying we have this year's promotion race sewn up — we'll have to spend."

"With this in mind, I have two committeemen scouting for players for next season. They are watching other First Division players because there are players in this league good enough for State League."

"Transfer fees in the local market are ridiculous. By going after First Division players the club won't have to pay a fortune for a good player."

Pocock said the search already had uncovered two players and Western Suburbs would attempt to buy them if the club is promoted.

"If the club wins the championship, the support will increase and all the spending over the past two years will be justified," he said.

"When I miss out this year, I don't think the club will be back in the race for another three or four years. The Greeks won't follow the club if Wests doesn't go up."

Western Suburbs rise has been swift. Pocock said the club had probably frown too quickly.

"More professionalism is needed," he said. "The administration should progress as the team progresses on the field."

Ray has more to say about administrations later in this article.

He was drafted into Rasie's national squad after grabbing the limelight in Sydney First Grade soccer with Canterbury and Marconi.

In the tension-packed weeks preceding the naming of Australia's World Cup finals squad, Pocock starred in trial games.

He played in Australia's match against an Auckland XI in Sydney.

In other trial matches for Australia, Pocock scored regularly. The opponents were often a NSW select team or Australia 'B'.

But then tragedy struck. He damaged a groin muscle six weeks before the squad was due to be selected. Australian team physician Dr Brian Corrigan gave Pocock an alternative which could have changed his destiny.

Dr Corrigan left it up to me to decide if I would play on with the injury," said Ray. "The injury needed rest but with so much at stake I had to go on. It's not every day a man is in the running to play in the World Cup."

"I continued to play and kept knocking in the goals in the trial games. I thought I was going to make the team and that's when I bought my suitcases."

"Being left out was a bitter blow but I half expected it. I was playing well enough, but Rale knew I was injured and he wasn't about to show favoritism."

Groin injuries are most difficult to overcome. Pocock showed guts to continue playing with disability. The extent of the damage was fully shown when, after the World Cup squad departed, Pocock missed seven weeks of soccer recovering.

Rasie is only one top coach Pocock has learned from. He played under Leo Baumgartner, now State coach of NSW, and Les Scheinflug, the present coach of Marconi who was Rasie's assistant in the 1974 World Cup campaign.

"Baumgartner is a very good coach," said Ray. "I first worked with him when he selected me to play for NSW. Later he took me to Marconi from Canterbury."

"Leo was a brilliant player and he used this great ability when coaching. He practised what he preached and showed the players how to do things after he had explained what he wanted."

"Baumgartner is a great tactician. He would sometimes spend an hour before the game telling players exactly what was expected of them and discuss any plans he had for the game."

Ray claimed tactics were not the strong point of Les Scheinflug.

"As a physical conditioner, Les was excellent," said Ray. "He got players as fit as they could be."

Scheinflug coached Pocock at Canterbury.

Tactics are given great importance by Pocock.

"I place more emphasis on tactics than anything else," said Pocock.

More recently, Pocock had the experience of working beside Greek superstar Mimis Papaioannou, who is guesting with Western Suburbs.

"Everyone can learn from his tremendous professionalism," said Ray. "As a coach I've learned a lot from Mimis. I asked him to take over a few training sessions and he came out with some incredible training techniques. Some of the things he came out with probably are used to even Phillips League players."

"But he has made a great impact off the field as well. We now get up to 150 people watching us train because of him. One hundred of those spectators are youngsters who come just to see Papaioannou kick a ball. That does soccer a

In 15 years of Australian soccer, \$20,500 has changed hands for the services of Ray Pocock. Here's a breakdown of that amount: \$1,500 Sunshine to Melbourne, \$4,500 Melbourne to Canterbury, \$7,500 Canterbury to Marconi, \$4,000 Marconi to Sunshine, \$3,000 Sunshine to Western Suburbs.

That's a lot of money for a player who admits he was a lazy trainer earlier in his career.

Born in Fulham 32 years ago, Ray Pocock left school at the age of 15 to become an apprentice with Crystal Palace, then in the English Second Division.

However, Pocock soon realised he would have to put a lot more effort into soccer if he was to make it as a professional.

"I was a bad trainer and I was sure I wouldn't make it in professional soccer," said Ray. "I was with Palace for 18 months and played seven reserve games before deciding to go to Australia to make a fresh start."

"Looking back, I wish I had made more of an effort to make it with Crystal Palace. In Australia I soon kicked the habit of being lazy and realised I didn't do myself justice with Palace."

"If I was six years younger, I reckon I'd have another crack at professional soccer but it's too late now."

Ray's brother Bobby had come to Australia in the early sixties to play with Sunshine. Because of that link, Ray joined Sunshine in 1964 as a 17-year-old.

"Sunshine was in the Metropolitan League then and I was allowed to leave South Melbourne and now be a key player for Adelaide City. He shouldn't have been allowed to leave."

Pocock said Melbourne administrations expected success to come without any planning.

"Clubs want instant success," he said. "To get that they ignore youngsters and buy every player that comes on the market. Every season brings another attempt to find success with frantic buying."

"But look at Marconi. When I was with the club around four years ago, the likes of Sharpe, Degney and Byrne were young guys making a start. They were given a go, and now Marconi's heading for the national championship."

Pocock called for Melbourne clubs to introduce a new breed of coach.

"We have had the same coaches in Melbourne for too long," complained Ray. "It's about time a few ex-players were given a go, guys like John Gardiner and Billy McIntyre."

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Ray Pocock follows Greek international Mimis Papaioannou onto the pitch. Papaioannou, the former AEK Athens forward, will play for Western Suburbs until the end of the season. He scored six goals in his first five games with Wests.

doesn't guarantee success. South Melbourne is one of the richest clubs in Australia, but look where they are."

Pocock said the lack of knowledge within club administrations was holding Melbourne soccer back.

"It annoys me to see some of the things that go on," he said. "For example, Chris Kent was allowed to leave South Melbourne and now be a key player for Adelaide City. He shouldn't have been allowed to leave."

Pocock said Melbourne administrations expected success to come without any planning.

"Clubs want instant success," he said. "To get that they ignore youngsters and buy every player that comes on the market. Every season brings another attempt to find success with frantic buying."

"But look at Marconi. When I was with the club around four years ago, the likes of Sharpe, Degney and Byrne were young guys making a start. They were given a go, and now Marconi's heading for the national championship."

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Pocock had full intention to see out the agreement, but decided to return to Melbourne after only 11 games.

"My family came from Melbourne," he said, "and I love the place myself. Marconi was good to me, as the club let me go for \$4000."

"I scored seven goals in 11 games for Marconi, but in that team, which included Ray Richards and Ernie Campbell, I should have scored one a 'teh'."

Pocock left Sydney with bitter memories of his World Cup miss but happy thoughts of his other soccer achievements.

He played seven games for NSW in a highly-successful representative career. Pocock played against Dundee, Aberdeen and Chelsea and scored four goals.

The results were: Dundee 1 NSW 2, Chelsea 1 NSW 1 and Aberdeen 2 NSW 1.

Pocock also represented Victoria. His main game was against the touring English FA eleven.

"The English side won 5-1 in what was the best game of soccer you would ever want to see," said Ray. "It was a great game, even though we were on the receiving end for the most part."

"Chris Garland scored a goal I'll never forget for the English team. A corner came over and he let the ball go through his legs before flicking it into the net, all in one movement. All the Victorian players just stood there, stunned."

As Pocock's playing career draws to a close, his coaching career is off to a flying start.

However, Ray is non-committal about where coaching will take him next season. "I'm not going to play," he reiterated, "but I want to coach a State League team. I'd like to stay with Western Suburbs, assuming the club gets promotion to the State League."

"But soccer's a game in which nothing stays the same for very long. A lot of things could happen before next season."

The way things are shaping, Pocock will be very much a part of the State League for years to come.

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Brooks coach for clash of leagues

Fred Brooks of Sunbury United has been appointed coach of the Victorian Provisional League representative squad.

Les Stafford of Greensborough is team manager.

The Provisional League team will play against a Metropolitan League representative side in the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v. AEK Athens match at Olvmnic Park on August 19.

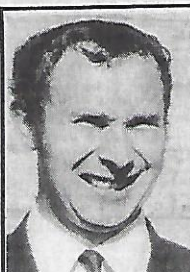
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FRANKSTON CITY, the unassuming club from the bayside suburb 35 km south of Melbourne, finds itself unbeaten at the top of the State League ladder after 14 games. Frankston came fifth in 1977 and 7th in 1978. For the 1979 season, Frankston appointed Fred Bunce from Ringwood City as coach and recruited Noel Mitten and Danny McCluskey from Albion Rovers, Ged Bannon from Juventus, Willie Coulson from Ringwood City, Tony Young from York City (England), Bruce Young from Norwich City (England), and, as short-term guest players Martin Peters (Norwich) and Eamonn Bannon (Chelsea). With impressive social club facilities at its ground, Centenary Park, Frankston now hopes to be admitted to the Philips League. To find out why Frankston suddenly is so successful, LAURIE SCHWAB conducted the following interview with coach FRED BUNCE . . .

'Closing down opposition the key': Bunce



Man behind the success

Q. Your coaching obviously had a lot to do with Frankston's success. What area of coaching had had the most positive effect on the team?

BUNCE: We've done a lot of work on basics. The most important thing is that when we lose possession, we all get behind the ball and when we win possession, we all move forward. Other teams have called us defensive, but that's simply not true. We close up opponents wherever they are on the field. We do not retreat and let them play out of their own half. Instead, the pressuring starts with the strikers. Kevin Swinscoe, Noel Mitten and Bruce Young. This is the single most important factor in our success so far.

Sometimes the players will slacken off so we have to get back to it during training all the time. In fact, we've been working on it all year.

Q. What about fitness? Some of the players — McCluskey and Coulson for example — appeared to be extremely unfit when Frankston signed them.

BUNCE: We have a very sandy area of ground on which we train. This has helped improve fitness. When other teams crumble, ours is still running strong. I found early in the year that some of the players couldn't pass the ball properly over 10 yards, so we did a lot of ball work early. Then the committee started complaining that the players weren't fit enough and that they should be doing more running. However, I will never do a whole lot of physical work without the ball. You play with the ball, so you should train with the ball.

It took probably until the middle of the season to achieve fitness. As I said, we first had to work on the basic skills, like the amount of pressure applied to the ball to make passes effective over varying distances. We do a minimum of hard circuit work — maybe only one or two laps as fast as possible. Most of the fitness is gained from doing group coaching work. It's ironic that the sandy ground has contributed to fitness. At first the players complained that the ground made their legs feel heavy. Now, if we have to play on a muddy ground, for example, we would have a huge advantage over all the other teams.

Q. How often does Frankston train?

BUNCE: Twice a week.

Q. Your methods are different to those of coaches Frankston has had in the past. How have the players responded?

BUNCE: They love it, especially since they're getting success. I'm fortunate to have Billy Murray helping me. It makes a big difference. If I want to work with the strikers, for example, I'm free to do so because Billy can take the rest of the lads.

Q. What method do you use to coach the players in getting behind the ball

when they lose possession, and in closing down opponents?

BUNCE: We do it in groups, starting perhaps with 2 v 2 or 3 v 3 on 10m x 10m or 20m x 20m grids. Then we take it up to 8 v 8 on half a pitch. During play, I stop them dead, we have a look at the positions and adjust them.

Q. What has been the biggest problem area in the team.

BUNCE: As you know, our centre backs, Bob Adams and Danny McCluskey, aren't the quickest. However, we have them

working as a unit now and over the past 13 games there have been seven which we did not concede a goal. Adams and McCluskey were being pulled out of the middle early in the year but that doesn't happen any more and they back each other up very well. Early on, we also found that our three mid-fielders were often bunching up on one side of the pitch. Now we play in 'tram lines' — with a mid-fielder on the right, one down the middle and the other down the left. Of course, if they see an opening on the other side, I won't restrict them from going there, so long as the basic pattern is adhered to and they return to their positions when the action is over.

Q. Have your three British imports — Kevin Swinscoe, Bruce Young and Tony Young — transformed Frankston into a champion team or has their contribution been only marginally greater than you would have been able to get from local players?

BUNCE: Obviously these three have a lot of experience behind them and are therefore valuable men. Tony Young, for example, has had a few first team games with Manchester United. However, what pleases me most is the contribution being made by Bob Adams, Danny McCluskey and Noel Mitten. They have improved tremendously. It would have taken a bit longer to get from local players what we are getting from the imports, but with coaching, it is possible to mould people for the role you want them to play.

Q. It is of course, important to use players according to their strengths. You appear to have done this with Willie Coulson.

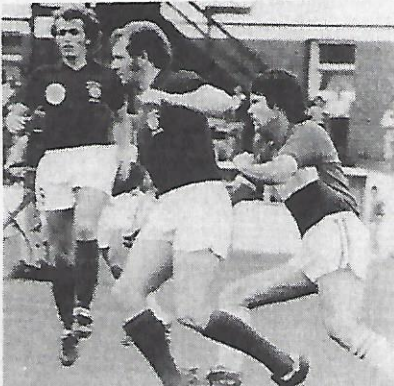
BUNCE: Yes, he's now the deep-lying central mid-fielder. He is not able to do as much running as other players, and he doesn't have to in that position. Of course we can't afford to carry anyone and so Coulson is doing much more running off the ball than he used to do. Coulson's greatest asset is his ability to play accurate passes, long or short and we look to him to use that ability.

Q. Did you have any problem deciding which players to leave out during the visit of Martin Peters and Eamonn Bannon?

BUNCE: No, I was lucky. Keith Webster and Alan Parrott were both injured. Keith missed six weeks and Alan four weeks, so we actually had two vacancies. Luckily,



Bob Adams (centre) gets down on his knees to clear the ball. Watching Frankston's Adams are (left to right) referee Stuart Mellings, team mates Danny McCluskey, Keith Webster, Norrie Campbell and Essendon Croatia's John Gardiner and Tommy Cuning.



Alan Parrott (middle) in action for former club Footscray JUST. Right is Paul Degney of Marconi, with Zoran Ilioski (left).

both players have recovered now. Webster has been one of our key players and as soon as he gets match-fit, he'll be making a strong bid to get back a position in the team.

Q. Would you agree that some coaches would have discarded some of the Frankston players as 'hopeless cases' instead of working to remove their weaknesses?

BUNCE: I'm afraid so. However, what is coaching all about, if it is not about teaching and trying to improve players?

Q. As a key man in the coaching scheme, do you think the scheme is now getting sufficient recognition?

BUNCE: I believe we have to get more players active in the scheme. When a player has been through a coaching course, he invariably becomes a better player apart from also having the necessary qualifications to become a coach when his playing days are over. Also, players who have gone through a course will expect more from their own coaches when they go back to their clubs.

Q. Going through the list of Frankston players, could you comment on any

specific coaching that has been necessary to improve elements of each man's play? Let's start with the goalkeeper, Frank Petersen.

BUNCE: Well, Frank's been a problem. He doesn't like hard work. You have to be on his back all the time. Now I've got the former Slavia and Hakoah goalkeeper, Bill Whiteside, giving Frank specialised coaching — positioning for crosses and corners, for example. What I'm looking for is increased effort and sharpness.

I mentioned McCluskey and Adams earlier. As for the right back, Vince Bannon, his great assets are effort and tackling. He likes to go forward and I didn't want to stop him but we had to work on his defensive duties first. We had to work on getting him between his defensive and attacking positions, so he could do two jobs at once and not find himself over-committed to the detriment of his defensive responsibilities.

The left back, Alan Parrott, is right footed, so he had to work on knocking the ball up the line with his left foot. He would waste



Vince Bannon keeps watch on the Frankston goal.

valuable time and sometimes lose possession just by switching over to his right.

Ged Bannon, the right midfielder, is an aggressive type who likes to get forward. Like his brother Vince, he tended to go too far forward and allow players to get behind him when moves broke down. Now we have him running at the right time. Also, we have Willie Coulson playing deep to cover in case Ged does get caught.

There are no aspects of Tony Young's play that really needed to be polished up. He's good on the ball, he times his forward runs well, he gets back quickly and he defends well. He does a good job as the left midfielder.

Right winger Bruce Young is very quick but his downfall was trying to dribble people from five yards. We worked on getting him two yards from the opponent, knocking it past him and then going. He practised this in training games, playing against Vince Bannon.

Our target man, Kevin Swinscoe, comes off defenders very well and goes to the ball very quickly. There's not much more we can do with him. Noel Mitten was tried in that position at the start but he wasn't suited to it. He needs someone knocking the ball down to him, and in Swinscoe he now has someone doing this.

While Martin Peters was with us, we started getting Swinscoe and Mitten to go to the near and to the far post. Beforehand, they'd both run to the same post.

Keith Webster had Coulson's role before he got injured. Keith is more mobile than Willie and he could easily get back from forward positions. However, his problem was that he was getting too far back — as far as the back four, meaning they did not have him available to give the ball to. We worked on playing him a little bit further up.

Alex Tulloch was a mid-fielder or sweeper but I had to use him as left back at one stage and he did a magnificent job in the Cup and early league games. He broke an ankle in a friendly game against Doveton and is just getting back into action.

Q. You will obviously stay in coaching. How far do you hope to go?

BUNCE: As far as possible, of course I'd like to step up to the PSL — with Frankston or another club. But at the moment, all I'm worried about is winning the State League championship.

Q. Other coaches have made comments recently about the national squad. What are your feelings?

BUNCE: In my opinion, the national coach, Rudi Gutendorf, has had enough time to select his squad of players. Gutendorf has appointed coaches in all the States to look after the national squad candidates. I believe the State Directors of Coaching should have been given those jobs. I don't mean to detract from the ability of any of the men being used at the moment but it seems to me if you have a State coaching director, you should use him. I also disagree with calling off the proposed return game against New Zealand. We should be playing against the best teams we can get instead of turning down games. After all, we won't have a national team until after it has played a lot of matches.

Sowula new boss

Ardeer, struggling at the foot of the Victorian First Division ladder, has appointed Marian Sowula (pictured) to replace Father Richard Gamanski as coach.

Ardeer's poor form is puzzling, as the team has talented players in Eddie Kupisz, Mike Olinowski, Gary Darch, Eddy Marmur, Henry Czerniecki, Zeon Kolanowicz, and Ted Smietanka.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



North's youth squad

The train-on Northern NSW youth squad is: Geoff Edwards, Peter Sumner, C. Mungoven, P. Murray, R. Wyborn (Weston), English, N. Drysdale, A. Stowell, M. Spinks (Central Coast), A. Bevan, B. Kirby, D. Taylor, T. Holmes (Wallsend), G. Jackman (Lakes), D. Hunt (Lochinvar), J. Belef (Hamilton Red Star), C. Miner (Cardiff), W. Shipley (West Wallsend), S. Hamilton (Kotara South), M. Sullivan (Edgeworth), M. Gageier (Cardiff South), G. Phillips (Coffs Harbour).



Ged Bannon, in an aggressive mood, beats Green Gully's Steve Bennie in a heading duel.



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Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: Montrose Wines & Spirits Pty. Limited
Retail Cellar Sales, 398 Montague Rd.
West End Brisbane. Phone 44 7320.



This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at
National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 2.45 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

BRIAN POLLOCK



This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 2.45 pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: M. Poulakakis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.

(03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CON-

TACT THE SECRETARY.



This week's match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: B. McLachlan

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

SPONSOR:



This week's match: v **MARCONI** at
Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: **Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer**



This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at
Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess, Tel 534 5462

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact
N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).



This week's match: v **Sydney City** at
Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

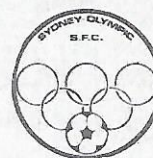
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SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Xipolitas

GROUND: Pratten Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: **opatra**



This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW

Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: **PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford**

This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at
Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

